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Historic handshake fails to cover up superpower differences

US is berated for summit 'lost chances'

From Christopher Walker and Michael Binyon, Moscow

President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov announced yesterday at the end of their historic fourth summit that they had taken an important step in putting their relations on a better footing, achieving substantial common ground on a new arms treaty.

But Mr Gorbachov was quick to sour the atmosphere with a frustrated claim that the meeting "could have achieved more".

At a 100-minute news conference — the first ever by a Soviet leader in his own country — he blamed the lack of progress on the United States, alleging that President Reagan had initially approved a Soviet proposal to include in their joint statement a phrase proclaiming that the superpowers believed in peaceful co-existence. He said that Mr Reagan had pulled back at the eleventh hour after consulting aides.

Mr Gorbachov declared: "I believe we have missed a chance to take an important step forward towards civilized relations ... After all, we do want to co-exist peaceful, don't we?".

President Reagan, at a separate press conference, was more optimistic, insisting that he had deepened his rapport with Mr Gorbachov, and there was still a good chance that a strategic arms reduction treaty could be signed this year. He defended his controversial meetings with dissidents and religious dignitaries, saying that he had not wanted "to sound a note of discouragement, but of realism, not to conduct a tutorial, but to give the kind of emphatic testimony to the truth that over the long run removes illusions and moves the process of negotiation forward".

Mr Gorbachov, however, referring to the human rights issue which had threatened from the start to sabotage the summit outcome, said: "In this area there has been too much propaganda and spectacle ... Frankly, I am not delighted with that side of the visit."

The Soviet leader also accused the President of rejecting a proposal to set up talks aimed at reducing conventional forces in Europe, the next key item on the disarmament agenda and one that both sides agree is extremely complex.

Mr Gorbachov, during his 20-minute outburst against the US summit stand, also cited alleged violations by the Americans and Pakistan of the Geneva accord, signed in April and aimed at withdrawing all Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

He said angrily that Soviet units near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar had been attacked on Tuesday, and there were a number of dead and missing, and that the Muslim rebels were launching rocket attacks on Kabul.

"When we signed the accord, we pledged we would not take part in combat operations during the withdrawal if not attacked. But if we are, we will react in a corresponding way," he added with a deliberate look of determination. "We can see there are attempts to torpedo the agreements, and this would have serious negative consequences."

However, when the 24-page joint communiqué was issued later, the two leaders were at pains to underline areas of agreement, and to paint a bright picture of their fourth summit meeting in just 30 months.

They said that their talks had taken place in a "constructive atmosphere", providing "ample opportunity for candid exchange". They noted with satisfaction the numerous agreements that had been achieved, and said that their meeting had put US-Soviet relations on a more productive and sustainable basis.

"The two leaders are convinced that the expanding political dialogue they have established represents an increasingly effective means of resolving issues of mutual interest and concern.

"They do not minimize the real differences of history, tradition and ideology which will continue to characterize the US-Soviet relationship. But they believe the dialogue will endure, because it is based on realism and focused on the achievement of concrete results."

On arms control, the communiqué said that "substantial additional common ground" had been made in negotiations on a strategic arms treaty.

It suggested agreement was near on air-launched cruise missiles and on verification procedures for mobile intercontinental ballistic weapons. But there appeared to be no progress on limiting sea-launched long-range missiles.

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Yeltsin may face further demotion

By Christopher Walker, and Mary Dejevsky

Mr Boris Yeltsin, the sacked Moscow Communist Party leader who on Monday called for the dismissal of the Kremlin's No. 2, Mr Yegor Ligachov, may face further demotion.

Asked about Mr Yeltsin at his summit press conference in Moscow yesterday, Mr Gorbachov said: "We must ask Comrade Yeltsin to explain his opinion and to say what he is out for. As for Comrade Ligachov and his retirement, that problem is simply non-existent."

The Soviet leader asked Western reporters to supply a "full, unedited text" of Mr Yeltsin's BBC interview which, he said, he had not yet seen.

The Soviet leader appeared determined to dismiss the speculation provoked by the interview, which has caused a political sensation in Moscow because accounts of it have been widely heard by ordinary Russians listening to the BBC.

Earlier, in a short interview with ABC television, Mr Yeltsin denied that he had called for Mr Ligachov's dismissal.

On Monday he had told the BBC that Mr Gorbachov's reforms could be developed more actively if someone other than Yegor Ligachov was the Communist Party's No. 2. When pressed on whether he believed Ligachov should be removed, Mr Yeltsin had replied: "Yes."

Mr Yeltsin also denied that he had told the BBC he was disappointed that Mr Gorbachov had not stood by him when he was ousted in November for criticizing the slow pace of reform. He said he had replied "no" to the question of whether he was upset and not "yes".

Mr Yeltsin's apparent retraction of his remarks to the BBC suggests that he may have panicked when he realized the storm his interview had aroused.



Mr Yeltsin: "He must explain his opinion."



President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov embracing and shaking hands after exchanging documents ratifying the INF Treaty.

Football hooligans found guilty as jury is urged to 'do its duty'

Five Leeds United football supporters were convicted of hooliganism yesterday after a judge exhorted jurors to "show some guts and do your duty", in spite of fears of reprisals from defendants' friends and relatives.

Judge Crabtree had been told by a court bailiff, Mrs June Watson, that the 12 jurors hearing the case at Leeds Crown Court felt frightened and intimidated.

One juror, the bailiff said, had approached her at dinner one night.

The bailiff had been told: "I know we are not supposed to talk about the trial, but can I just say that we are frightened. You could cut the atmosphere in there (the court) with a knife."

Mrs Watson had asked why, and was told jurors were of the same age group as the accused, and some of them lived within the Leeds area. It might not be the defendants, but people in the public gallery, who caused them to feel in danger.

Throughout the trial, said the juror, they had been stared at. "They are clocking us and they could recognize us any time, even months ahead", the juror said.

"There are obviously friends and relatives of the defendants who might approach us in the future thinking 'here's one of them who got so and so sent down'."

In all, 10 defendants were charged with conspiring to cause affray.

Before the juror alerted to Mrs Watson to her fears, verdicts of not guilty were returned on two of the defendants, and clapping erupted in the public gallery, crowded with relatives and friends of the defendants.

The jury foreman was heard by the bailiff to say: "After that, there's no way I am going to say guilty to anything in there."

Mrs Watson said after the jury foreman expressed his fears, she overheard another juror say: "It would seem our foreman is bottling out."

She was approached by the concerned juror that evening at a hotel dinner table she was sharing with six jurors, Mrs Watson said.

Immediately after hearing testimony from the court bailiff yesterday, Judge Crabtree recalled the jury and told them that to acquit the defendants because they feared attack would be tantamount to handing over the country "to the devil".

They had a duty, he said, to every man, woman and child in the country to consider the evidence and return a verdict unswayed by fears of possible physical violence or threats.

Jury service was not easy, but its proper pursuit was the price every decent citizen had to pay for living in a free country.

If jurors were to be wrongly persuaded by outside pressures, and that had happened before, no one was safe.

"Society's only safeguard is a police force prepared to do its duty and juries willing to have the guts to do what they think is right, regardless of the consequences", he said.

"You have a duty to every man, woman and child in this country to follow your conscience and to do what you believe is right. If this means acquitting some of these defendants, then so be it. If it means convicting some of them, you have done your duty.

"People who accept jury duty have a job to do and to my knowledge nothing has consequently happened to jurors in this part of the country."

Refusing to dismiss the jury, despite a request by five of the defence barristers, Judge Crabtree added: "Every jury might face some problems, but somewhere at the end of the line there is a right and wrong verdict.

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● There was no winner of the £4,000 daily prize yesterday, so the Portfolio Accumulator Fund rises to £58,000.

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Pound fall leads to rate fears

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The pound slumped against all currencies for the second successive day yesterday, creating expectations in the City of a rise in base rates.

A cut in mortgage rates by the big building societies, which had been under consideration, now looks unlikely.

The pound fell by 2.6 pfennigs to DM3.15 and by 1.45 cents to $1.8240. Dealers had difficulty explaining why sterling had suddenly gone out of favour, apart from worries over the balance of payments and higher interest rates prospects elsewhere.

City analysts believe that, just as the Chancellor cut base rates when the pound was rising, he will have to raise them as it falls.

Share prices closed higher despite worries over rates.

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Saunders sits alone in court

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Ernest Saunders, the one-time head of the £3 billion Guinness empire who drew a annual salary of £375,000, yesterday appeared without legal representation at a hearing in Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London.

While an army of solicitors and barristers acting for the six other Guinness defendants filed into court, Mr Saunders turned up on his own and sat in the dock.

"I am representing myself," he told Sir David Hopkin, the magistrate, who was surprised by Mr Saunders's appearance before him.

The hearing was purely technical and none of the defendants had been required to attend. It was held to ensure that the Crown Prosecution Service was adhering to the timetable set for the prosecution and had served the 25 volumes of evidence on all the defendants.

Mr Saunders's legal abilities were not tested since the hearing lasted only five minutes and he chose not to make any speech from the dock.

Later, Mr Norman Turner, his solicitor, disclosed that Mr Saunders was applying to the High Court for a judicial review of the refusal to grant him legal aid.

Mr Turner said that if he did not get legal aid it was likely that Mr Saunders would conduct his own defence in the trial due to take place next year.

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Mr Saunders, who is facing 40 charges including the theft of £24 million, has twice been refused legal aid by the court because it was not satisfied that he needed assistance to meet his defence costs.

"It is ludicrous, the man is broke. He is living with friends but he has to move out in a fortnight. He has no disposable capital and he has to ask his children for money," Mr Turner said.

"I think that this is moving beyond the boundaries of Guinness into political matters. Here is a man against whom the state has raised up, arming itself with the cream of the prosecution service and a huge budget to bring the prosecution."

Mr Turner said: "We still act for him but we don't have the money to carry on the defence. He was representing himself today because, although we were willing to represent him without fee, as was counsel, bearing in mind he already owes us tens of thousands of pounds, he was unwilling to ask us to represent him."

Mr Turner estimated that it would cost around £1 million in legal costs and disbursements to defend Mr Saunders.

Mr Saunders has been granted civil legal aid by the Law Society, relating to a High Court action where Guinness is suing him and Mr Thomas Ward, a fellow director, for £5.2 million.

Aga Khan in Derby triumph

The 209th Derby was won by Kahyasi in a record time yesterday, giving winning owner the Aga Khan a hat-trick of victories in the Epsom classic. He also took third place with Doyoun. Glacial Storm was second, a length and half behind the winner.

Kahyasi covered the mile and four furlongs of Britain's richest horse race in two minutes 33.84 secs, the fastest time ever recorded electronically.

The winning jockey, Ray Cochrane, said later he received help from Lester Piggott, in jail for tax evasion, via Piggott's wife Susan.

"I asked her to ask Lester what I should do," Cochrane said. "She came back with a message — 'let him flow up to the leaders on the turn and take it from there.'"

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Baggy fashion is blamed for trouble at t'mill

By Roland Rudd

Mr Jonathan Ross and his baggy trousers were yesterday blamed for prompting Lancashire's hitherto moderate textile workers to cripple Lancashire's spinning and weaving mills by voting for their first indefinite strike in more than 50 years.

Both sides involved in the cotton dispute admit that profit acted as the catalyst in turning the tranquil world of textile industrial relations upside down. But few would have blamed the young television presenter, Mr Ross, for the conflict which has brought all of Lancashire's mills to a standsill.

The Courtaulds Textile Group, surprised at the speed with which Lancashire's Over Lookers and Tape two biggest trade unions to man picket lines outside 21 of the company's mills in North-west England, said they have been a victim of their own success, and for that Mr Ross was blamed.

"Ever since that trendy Jonathan Ross started wearing his big, baggy suits on television he set a fashion that has been extremely lucrative for the British Cotton industry," said Mr David Cope, sales director for Courtaulds' dyeing operation at Burgess Ledward Dye House. "Those baggy suits are made of British materials which have boosted the company's profits. The textile workers now want a share of those profits," he said. Mr Ross, having played his part in contributing to the company's [illegible] up by £3 million on the previous year, yesterday became an innocent victim of the strike.

Mr Cope admitted, somewhat ruefully, that the company's profits are set to increase, since Mr Ross's baggy trousers are still fashionable. But, profits or no profits, the company issued a statement that made it clear it was not going to compromise. "Strike action only damages our trading prospects and puts jobs at risk. The company has no intention of adding to its final offer and has not planned to have any further meetings with trade unions."

Mr Pat Jenner, the regional officer for the GMB general union, yesterday accused the company of acting like the cotton barons of old. In 1932 the employers tried to cut the wages of 500,000 machinists, tape sizers and other kindred trades by 15 per cent, which resulted in the first all-out strike. The unions reminded the company that cotton bosses got their comeuppance in the Thirties when the workers "resisted their greedy demands". Mr Jenner said: "It is now only fair that the company agree to share their profits by meeting our claims for a significant increase to the textile workers' minimum wage of just £78.50."

The unions would like a 10.4 per cent rise for shift workers and £10 a week more for low wage earners. The company has only offered 6 per cent or £6 a week. Unable to agree on what is a decent pay rise, the company fears that the wave of industrial action could spread throughout the industry.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Film set designer battered to death

An acclaimed film set designer, Miss Tessa Davies, aged 47, was found dead in a £500,000 riverside cottage in Hurley, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, yesterday. Detectives, who forced their way into the property after Miss Davies failed to return to her home in London, said she died after suffering severe blows to the head.

A male companion, Mr Richard Furgerson, aged 51, was found unconscious near her body. He was taken to Wycombe General Hospital, where police are waiting to interview him.

In 1984, Miss Davies dressed the sets for *The Killing Fields* and was subsequently nominated for an Oscar and a Bafta Award. She was also nominated for an Oscar for her work with Barbra Streisand in the film *Yentl*.

Her latest film, which she completed on location in Mexico four weeks ago, was *The Old Gringo*, produced by Columbia and starring Jane Fonda. It has yet to be released.

Mr Furgerson, a television scenery designer, was in a critical condition last night.

Seamen's concession

The National Union of Seamen said yesterday it has now allowed, "on an uncontested basis", the sequestrators involved in the High Court action against the union to move into its Scottish and Irish offices, which have been exempted from the court order, to examine the union's financial position. Meanwhile, P&O European Ferries last night announced that its sixth ship, the Pride of Sandwich, was back in service and would be used on the Dover-Zeebrugge freight run.

Unfair dismissal

A former office supervisor was awarded £3,000 compensation yesterday after being dismissed for taking maternity leave. An industrial tribunal ruled that Kathy Curl, aged 25, of Glebe Road, Norwich, was unfairly discriminated against by her former employers, Air UK, based at Norwich airport. She asked for six weeks leave, paid or unpaid to have her child delivered, but Air UK rejected her request and said she had effectively resigned by stopping work to have her baby.

Aids test for all urged

A group of hospital consultants is calling for Aids tests to be carried out on every patient admitted for surgery. The British Medical Association's regional consultants committee in Trent argues that would protect hospital staff, remove the stigma associated with testing, avoid the need to ask embarrassing questions and increase information about the spread of the disease.

Inquiry bill battle

Three police forces — the Metropolitan, the Surrey and the Devon and Somerset — were yesterday locked in a battle with the Home Office over who should foot a £750,000 bill for a new investigation into the Guildford and Woolwich IRA public house bombings. The inquiry was ordered by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, but when the interim bill for £250,000 was submitted, the Home Office sent it back unpaid. Now the police may have to take legal action against Mr Hurd to force his department to meet the cost.

Star's manager fined

The manager of Elton John, the pop singer, was fined £150 yesterday for assaulting a Fleet Street photographer. John Reid, aged 38, of Lockwell House, Whitehall, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, pleaded guilty at Bow Street Magistrates' Court to a charge of causing actual bodily harm to Mr Richard Szymanski, of the *Sun*, at a night club in London on May 16. Reid was also ordered to pay £50 costs, and £150 compensation.

British Midland takes on BA and pledges cheaper flights

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways is for the first time facing direct competition from a rival British airline on lucrative routes into Europe from its main operating base of Heathrow.

British Midland Airways, which is now the country's second biggest scheduled carrier, is applying for 11 new licences to operate flights from BA's home airport with promises of lower fares and to hit BA "where it hurts".

The applications are the most significant challenge yet to the dominance of British Airways and are bound to spark a dispute over airline competition.

Mr Michael Bishop, chairman of Airlines of Britain, of which British Midland is part, said yesterday: "British Airways is becoming too big, too dominant and is showing signs of arrogance and petulance. The only way that a true multi-airline policy can succeed is if it are hit where it hurts, at its main hub airport."

British Midland is the only British carrier with rights to open up new services from overcrowded Heathrow because it has been flying from the airport for more than 10 years. It has now applied to the Civil Aviation Authority to challenge BA on flights to Brussels, Dublin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Geneva, Milan, Malaga, Palma, Paris, Rome and Zurich.

"We are confident that our new applications will be strongly supported by customers and consumer organizations throughout Europe who will recognize these applications as a vital step towards bringing European air fares between major cities down to realistic levels", Mr Bishop said.

The hearings, which are separate from the reallocation of former British Caledonian route licences, which only apply to services out of Gatwick, are expected to take place in the autumn and the first directly competing services could be operating by the spring of next year.

The applications are certain to be challenged by British Airways and could place the Government and the CAA in a difficult position. Under existing air service agreements, especially those involving France and Italy, the total capacity must be shared between airlines of each country.

For British Midland to be allowed on the routes, therefore, a new, more liberal agreement will have to be reached. However, several European countries are determined to protect their own national airlines and will not easily agree to allowing another British airline to grab a bigger share of the market.

"If that cannot be achieved then British Airways will simply have to have some of its capacity removed to enable us to begin operations", Mr Bishop said.

Top priority for BMA will be to bring down fares on whatever routes it is granted. "It is truly disgraceful that the standard fare between Heathrow and Paris, a distance of 216 miles, is £101 single and yet we fly to Glasgow, a distance of 398 miles, for £76", Mr Bishop said.

There will be many problems to be overcome, however, not least the availability of sufficient "slots" for landing and take off.

In the hearings before the CAA, Mr Bishop will argue that in order to provide the right competition, British Midland will either have to be granted full freedom under new international agreements, or BA will have to hand over up to eight slots a day on each route to the smaller operator.

Should British Midland succeed in its application to the CAA, it plans to introduce new services gradually over the next five years so that by the time the single European market is operating in 1992, the airline's activities will be split evenly between British and European routes and carry seven million passengers a year. To help cope with the planned expansion the airline is to lease two new 156 seat Boeing 737-400s.

British Airways said last night itwould not object to BMA's applications but would fight any attempt to cut its own services.

"We understand Michael Bishop's desire for the growth of British Midland and we welcome other British airlines competing alongside BA", it said.

"While we would not object to his route applications as such we would oppose any attempt to cut back BA's established operations".

Union urges Rowntree to agree terms for take-over

By Roland Rudd

Shop stewards of the GMB general union yesterday urged Rowntree to arrange a friendly take-over with the Swiss confectionary firm offering the maximum protection for its employees.

The union announced its decision after meeting Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's chief whip, and Mr David Williams, the regional officer from the GMB, in York.

But Mr Ken Smith, York branch secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, which represents more than 2,000 Rowntree workers, said: "I am very surprised at the GMB's decision.

"We represent nearly all the white collar workers at Rowntree and we shall not be urging the management to accept a take-over bid. It is far too early to do that.

"We still very much want to keep Rowntree British and I would not regard now as the time to give in. We still have a fight to fight."

Mr Williams said: "We have decided to write to Rowntree chairman Kenneth Dixon on behalf of the employees saying he must get into talks with Nestlé or Suchard and arrange a friendly take-over with the one who gives the maximum employment protection to his workers".

The GMB shop stewards said that in the light of the of the Government's "feeble" refusal to refer the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the union had to reappraise the situation and give jobs the priority.

Mr Williams added that he had effectively resigned himself to the company entering foreign hands.

"Whilst we would wish Rowntree to remain independent, the position that the market has declared we're in means Rowntree will be taken over."

The union expects that to happen within 10 days.

In a draft letter to Mr Dixon, Mr Williams said the higher the price offered for the company, the "bleaker becomes the employment prospects", and Mr Dixon should try to get the best deal possible for workers on the shopfloor.

Mr Dobson said it would have been better for Rountree to stay British. "But it is quite right that the only people who have invested their lives in Rowntree, the workforce, should look after their jobs."

Two charitable trusts set up in 1904 by the group's founder, Joseph Rowntree, are opposing the take-over attempts, although they have fewer than than 7 per cent of the shares. Suchard has amassed a 29.9 per cent stake and Nestlé 16 per cent.

Reacting to the GMB decision, Nestlé said: "We remain convinced that a merger of the two businesses is in the best long-term interests of Rowntree and its employees".

Beith jumps gun on Ashdown



Mr Paddy Ashdown launching his SLD leadership campaign with his wife in Yeovil yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The campaign for the leadership of the Social and Liberal Democrats was launched yesterday with every sign that it will become intensely personal.

Round one appeared to go to Mr Alan Beith, who announced his candidacy a day earlier than expected.

And as Mr Paddy Ashdown concentrated on his vision of the direction of the new party, Mr Beith declared that there were no policy differences between them and the contest would really be decided on personalities.

The deputy leader of the old Liberal Party cunningly contrasted his reliability and competence with what many consider to be Mr Ashdown's weaknesses — without once naming his rival.

Mr Beith said he strongly opposed candidates announcing what the party's policies would be under their respective leaderships. The party had a democratic policy-making process.

He said the contest boiled down to what kind of leadership the party needed. It had to combine nationwide campaigning with "effective advocacy in the House of Commons".

Mr Beith hoped the campaign would allow the candidates' qualities to be more thoroughly assessed than they had been in recent "media caricatures".

At the formal launch of his campaign in his Cheshire birthplace of Poynton today, Mr Beith's parliamentary supporters are expected to emphasize that the party leader should be a force in the Commons while the party presidents should lead the campaigning in the country.

Mr Ashdown, meanwhile, launched his campaign in his Yeovil constituency by declaring that the SLD would be a "party of the left, taking the side of ordinary people against unacceptable privilege and the abuse of power". There would be no deals or coalitions.

In an apparent allusion to Mr Beith's play for the traditional Liberal vote, Mr. Ashdown said the SLD had to look firmly to the future. He rejected any "pilgrimage of nostalgia". There would be four pillars to his campaign — the need for new thinking, a clear strategy for winning power, an effective, modern, and accountable party organization and a vigorous leadership.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the former SDP MP, announced yesterday that he would be a presidential candidate. That election runs concurrently with the leadership election.

Nominations close later this month. Ballot papers go out early in July and results will be announced on July 28.

MPs seek answer on stored fighters

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

MPs have demanded much more information from the Ministry of Defence after last week's revelation that 32 Tornado jet fighters are in storage or soon will be.

Members of the all-party Commons defence committee were told by Sir Michael Quinlan, Permanent Secretary at the ministry, that up to 30 per cent of the RAF's air defence variant Tornados were to be laid up, and have sent him further detailed questions. The MPs accept that to save on costs the ministry has to buy aircraft as fast as British Aerospace produces them, but believe that is only half the story.

They are alarmed that so many planes should be out of action at a time when the ministry is highlighting the Soviet air threat and suspect there is a shortage of trained aircrew. They want to know if other military aircraft have been put in store.

Sir Michael said 14 Tornado F2s and eight F3s were in store in store at RAF St Athan, in Wales, and the figure would rise to 32.The MPs seek the true costs of storing the aircraft, each costing about £17.5 million. They have been told heating and lighting costs £60,000 yearly.

● British Aerospace hopes to establish a new training college in the West Country or Scotland for military pilots which could eventually teach potential RAF aircrew.

Duke the British bulldog called to recruit for the Tories

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was yesterday supplanted as the focus in what Tory headquarters called "the greatest recruitment drive for the Conservative Party for 10 years" — by a bulldog called Duke.

Duke, aged two and a half and weighing in at 60lbs, figured on Tory posters at the last election. It has been brought back by popular demand on the literature for the new campaign to turn more of the 13.7 milllion Conservative voters at the last election into members of the party.

Yesterday, it displayed a good humour matched only by that of Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman.

Although Duke is its kennel name, Mrs Jean Wood, its owner, from Kent, who would vote Tory if she had time, said afterwards that at home the dog answers to the name of Bandit. "But the Conservatives weren't very keen on that".

Quizzed yesterday about progress on the dramatic shakeup predicted when he took over Central Office last year, Mr Brooke emphasized that was "considerable talk by other people of considerable shakeup in the building". He was a firm believer in the Conservative process of evolution.

A drive for new members and for the money they bring with them raises difficulties for the Tories. As a constituency-based party opposed to centralism, its leaders have no national membership list and claim not to know exactly how many members there are.

So when Mr Brooke was asked yesterday how many members the party had he replied: "About a million". Initially, the target for the membership drive was also put at a million.

Then came the explanationof the apparent conundrum. The post-campaign million is to be a "firm figure". Mr Brooke said: "The conventional wisdom is that we have a million. My private suspicion is that it is something below that figure."

So £50,000 is being spent in quest of the firmer figure and the Conservative National Union is conducting an audit to discover how many members the constituencies really have.

As for party finances, Mr Brooke would confess only to an overdraft. Since the Tories spent about £9 million on the last election, £3 million in the last four days of the campaign, that is not surprising. The blue party usually is in the red for the first two years of a Parliament.

Although computers will be used for mail-shots, Mr Brooke promises the effort will be "an old fashioned exercise of knocking on doors".

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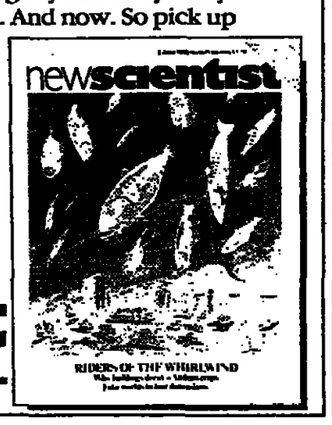
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Two young chess stars progress

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

The two young British chess stars Matthew Sadler aged 14, and Susan Arkell, aged 22, both made progress in round five of the Watson Farley and Williams Chess Challenge in the City of London.

Matthew Sadler (black) drew against David Norwood and won his adjourned game against Larry Evans.

Susan Arkell, defending against the tournament leader, Julian Hodgson, sacrificed her queen to draw.

Other round five results (white players named first) Larry Evans (USA) lost to Mark Hebden, Heikki Westerinen (Finland) lost to Jon Fedorowicz; Jonathan Levitt drew with Danny King; Keith Arkell drew with Paul Motwani (Scotland).

Scores after five rounds are: Julian Hodgson and Jon Fedorowicz 3½pts; Keith Arkell and Matthew Sadler 3pts; Heikki Westerinen and David Norwood 2½pts; Jonathan Levitt, Larry Evans, Susan Arkell 2pts; Paul Montwani 2pts plus one adjourned game; Daniel King 1½pts plus one adjourned game, Mark Hebden 1½pts.

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Soccer hooligans convicted

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juries are being frightened into acquitting them, then those people may feel they can do as they like — I am not talking about these defendants, some of whom you may acquit, but I am talking about all people who elect to do harm to others."

The judge reminded the jury that centuries ago judges threatened jury panels with imprisonment where death or disease were inevitable unless they convicted defendants.

The situation had changed dramatically, and jurors should never feel threatened by defendants, relatives or friends.

Judge Crabtree offered the jury police protection, but cautioned that such a move would be "idiotic" as within days those under police guard would find their private and working lives subjected to intolerable interference.

It is understood that none of the jurors accepted the offer of protection.

The jury of eight men and four women took 14 hours and 50 minutes to return yesterday's verdicts.

Five men were found guilty of conspiring to fight and cause affray during the 1986-87 football season, after a six-month undercover operation by West Yorkshire police.

Sentencing was deferred for three weeks to await social inquiry reports. The convicted men were remanded in custody.

Before taking evidence from the court bailiff, the judge had ordered the public gallery be cleared and when the hearing resumed, only one friend or relative of each defendant was allowed into Court No 12, where uniformed police guarded the doors.

Exactly seven days ago, the deputy head of neighbouring Greater Manchester's CID told of increasing police concern about the safety of juries, witnesses and magistrates.

Complaints had been made by both witnesses and jury members on numerous occasions about glares and hissing noises directed at them from the public gallery during a number of trials, he said.

So serious was the position that in sensitive crown court cases, armed officers from the Tactical Aid Group were on standby nearby.

The problems with the Leeds jury came after controversy surrounding the end of a trial in London, when jurors were seen celebrating with defendants after a group of men were cleared of soccer hooliganism charges.

Police are currently investigating the collapse of that and one other soccer hooliganism trial, following doubts thrown on police log book evidence.

Thirty minutes after being reminded of their public duty by Judge Crabtree yesterday, the Leeds jury returned a unanimous verdict of "not guilty" on one of the remaining accused.

Stewart James Billbrough, aged 21, of Waterloo Lane, Bramley, Leeds, was allowed to join his friends Anthony Sharlot, aged 20, of Waterloo Lane, Bramley, and Christian Michael Jackson, aged 20, of Market Street, Shade, Todmorden, who the previous afternoon had been unanimously found not guilty

Acquitted yesterday were Frank Milner, aged 20, of Harwill Rise, Morley, and Sean Barry Greaves, aged 20, of Bath Lane, Bramley.

Those found guilty on majority verdicts were: David John Brown, aged 26, a former Parachute Regiment private, said by police to be the gang leader, who lives at Lidgett Towers, Gledhow, Leeds; Patrick Slaughter, aged 21, a third-year law student of Harrogate Road, Chapeltown,

Paul Milner, aged 23, of Queen Street, Morley; Martin Pickard, aged 23, of Denby Drive, Baildon Green, Shipley and Nigel Stephenson, aged 17, of The Mount, Thornes, Wakefield were also convicted.

Four West Yorkshire police officers were assigned to head Operation Wild Boar — named after the area where suspects drank in three pubs — following a series of serious incidents at Leeds United

The concern of West Yorkshire Chief Constable Mr Colin Sampson was raised when a fish and chip van was overturned at Odsall Stadium, then being used by Bradford City while their burnt-down grandstand was being rebuilt.

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Parents should pay for their children's acts of vandalism

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Parents should be forced by the courts to pay as much as they can afford to compensate for damage caused by their vandal children, Mr John Wootton, president of the National Association of Head Teachers, said yesterday.

Mr Wootton, head of a 650-pupil Merseyside primary school, echoed head teacher's frustrations in a bitter attack on irresponsible parents who allow their children to run riot, destroy property or watch horror videos in their bedrooms at all hours.

"Parents must accept accountability and responsibility for their children", he said, adding that it was unjust to blame the media.

For some parents "financial strictures may need to be considered, in order to encourage them to take a more active interest in the welfare and control of their offspring".

Later he said magistrates should make employed parents pay some compensation, in accordance with their means but enough for the matter to make an impact, when their children wreck property or daub graffiti. Most courts impose only a fine.

"Frequently, colleagues around the country express dismay, particularly relating to the programmes children watch on television or as a result of hired video films. Sometimes children are frightened yet unable to switch off.

"Horrific sights become an unacceptable part of viewing. Too readily youngsters identify with characters who do not suffer themselves, no matter what violence or evil is committed."

Mr Wootton cited *The A Team* and *Rambo* as examples that show violence without any real consequences.

He told the conference, which is in Eastbourne until tomorrow: "Too many parents go along with this. Some even record late night horror films for young members of the family.

"It is too easy, indeed unfair, to blame the media. Responsible parents must be prepared to ensure proper supervision and know what is being watched."

Bedtimes and homework are among the issues for which parents would have to take responsibility in a "home-school contract" of the type promoted by the heads' union.

Jointly, with the Royal Society of Arts, the NAHT is seeking government funding for a three-year pilot scheme in about 30 schools to begin next year.

Head teachers are worried the Government's proposed national curriculum will not cope with varying abilities or with the special needs of handicapped children.

The National Association of Head Teachers urged ministers to re-examine the proposals.

Mr Nigel Paton, from Kingston upon Thames, south-west London, said: "Little or no attention is paid to different kinds of pupil; or to attitudes, relationships or moral or spiritual values".

Mr John Swallow, head of Ongar comprehensive, Essex, attacked the Government for accepting "education is a consumer product on a supermarket shelf".

Parents would have to sign contracts with the school, promising to fulfil their obligation on punctuality, attendance and homework while schools would promise to make it easier for parents to communicate with teachers and to provide a safe and educationally challenging environment.

● Independent schools spend up to four times as much on books for each pupil as state schools, according to a recent survey by the Education Publishers Council.

Figures released at the conference show that in the past academic year some independent schools increased expenditure on books and equipment by up to 27 per cent.

In state primary schools, £27.93 was spent per pupil on books and equipment. Of this £8.24 was spent on books.

In preparatory day schools £54.60 was spent on books and equipment, and in boarding prep schools this figure rose to £96.20 per pupil.

State secondary schools spent £56.94 per pupil on books and equipment, of which £13.11 was spent on books. By contrast, private senior day schools spent £71.50 and boarding schools spent £140.70 per pupil.

While the rise in expenditure in independent schools for 1986-87 went up by 16 per cent in senior boarding schools and 27 per cent in senior day schools, state schools only increased expenditure by 11 per cent in primary schools and 19 per cent in secondary schools over nine years.

Junk food finds a medical role



Dr Susan Rigden at Guy's Hospital with Kenny Hutton, aged eight, a medical success story (Photograph: Bryn Colton).

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Medical advances, crisps, fizzy drinks and ice cream are improving the chances of a normal life for young pioneers in a children's transplant ward every day.

Born with chronic kidney failure, Kenny Hutton and hundreds of others like him have, until recently, faced a hazardous and stunted future. With luck, they receive life-saving dialysis treatment and a kidney transplant.

However, a permanent burden of their condition is they seldom grow to normal height. Playground jibes and bullying give way in adulthood to work disadvantages and psychological problems.

For such children and their families, Kenny, aged eight, is an exuberant example of how medical science, plus a generous helping of humanity, can overcome the handicaps.

In a project supported by the National Kidney Research Fund, specialists at Guy's Hospital, London, have developed a regime that helps children with kidney failure to grow normally. Their condition severely impairs the appetite and causes low consumption of calories, which in turn restricts growth.

A successful kidney transplant assists a return to normal development but the operation may come too late to affect the height of many children.

Dr Susan Rigden and colleagues at Guy's have discovered that by boosting calorie intake through intensive diets of what they acknowledge is "junk food", the growth problem can be overcome.

Kenny has already benefited from being tube-fed a high-calorie diet. His mother, Mrs Gillian Hutton, of Carshalton, south London, says he has grown two inches since January.

Picture of northern ill-health in survey

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

People living in the north of England drink and smoke more heavily and are more overweight than the average population, a survey published yesterday suggests.

The survey of 18,000 people throughout the country also showed that northerners tended to exercise less and eat less healthily. Those living in the south were more likely to belong to a sports club and visit the dentist more regularly. They also had a higher rate of being vegetarian and were less likely to be taking prescribed drugs.

Mr Leon Kreitzman, director of health studies at BUPA's health centre in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, said that southerners claimed that they felt better and were less prone to stress.

He suggested that part of the difference could be put down to the to the influence of supermarkets such as Sainsbury, Safeway and Tesco with their southern bias which had led moves towards healthier eating at a competitive price.

Other more established factors were differing income and social values. "Health depends on who you are, who your parents were, where you live, what you do, how old you are, who you sleep with and how often and how well."

BUPA added that the incidence of high blood pressure and cigarette smoking — both risk factors for coronary disease — mirrored the pattern of deaths for the disease which is higher in the north than the south-east.

● More than half of Welsh men over 30 and women over 40 are overweight or obese and run a big risk of heart disease, according to Heartbeat Wales, a government better health campaign.

Schools 'fail to fight abuse'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Teachers are failing to report suspected child sexual abuse because of the fear of legal action from parents, it was claimed yesterday.

Although they were in a position to help combat the growing number of cases, they were not given the necessary legal protection, a deputy head told a conference in Manchester.

In other countries, teachers are required to notify the authorities of any suspicions and have full legal protection. Staff are trained to recognize the danger signs.

Had such a policy existed here, the Cleveland controversy might never have happened, the conference was told.

Yesterday, Mr Bob Webster, a deputy head, whose school was in a city where a vicar had abused a number of children, called for a change in the law to protect teachers.

Mr Webster, aged 52, of Dane Park Junior High School, Hull, told the conference, aimed at encouraging abuse prevention through schools: "Teachers have a unique opportunity to save children from the horror and misery of sexual abuse. But they have no protection under law whatsoever.

"In Australia and New Zealand teachers are under a mandatory obligation to report child sex abuse suspicions."

Mr Webster is a member of the Humberside Child Watch organization which uncovered large scale abuse.

He said: "Teachers have a closer working relationship with children than any other professional yet they are not given the training required".

"The tell-tale signs can be lack of concentration, bizarre behaviour, attempted self-mutilation and even suicide."

Mr Webster cited figures collated by the Incest Crisis Line over five years which suggest that: 99 per cent of male prostitutes, 75 per cent of women prostitutes, and 40 per cent each of adult rapists, alcoholics, prison inmates and drug addicts were abused.

"It is reaching epidemic proportions."

Mrs Judy Parry, of Manchester Child Watch, which organized the conference, said that had there been a programme of teacher involvement, the Cleveland Controversy may never have happened. "The lack of set guidelines, expert training and teacher involvement in this case led to a fiasco of over-zealousness."

Mrs Michele Elliott, pioneer in educational work in prevention of child sexual abuse, said: "Loving fondness between child and parent must never be eroded."

Survey criticizes Telecom

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

British Telecom's record since privatization has been a "big disappointment", with one in 36 phone calls failing to be properly connected, the latest edition of *Which?* says.

There are more wrong numbers after dialling correctly than in 1983 and noisy and faint lines are more common.

In all, an "alarming" 10 per cent of calls are unsatisfactory, the consumer magazine says.

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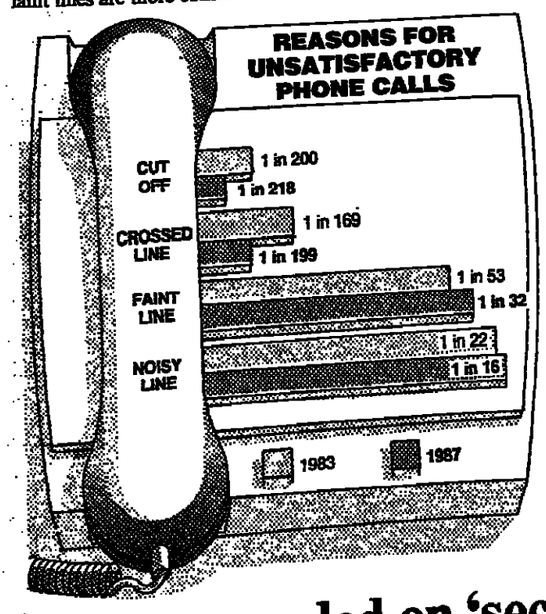
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Alarm sounded on 'security' sales

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Some security firms selling burglar alarms are using dubious methods, says *Which?*, the magazine of the Consumers' Association. They are playing on customers' fears, carrying out phoney market research or hiding important facts in a mass of small print, it says.

Scare tactics used by some firms in advertising leaflets have caused concern both to *Which?* and to the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), the association says.

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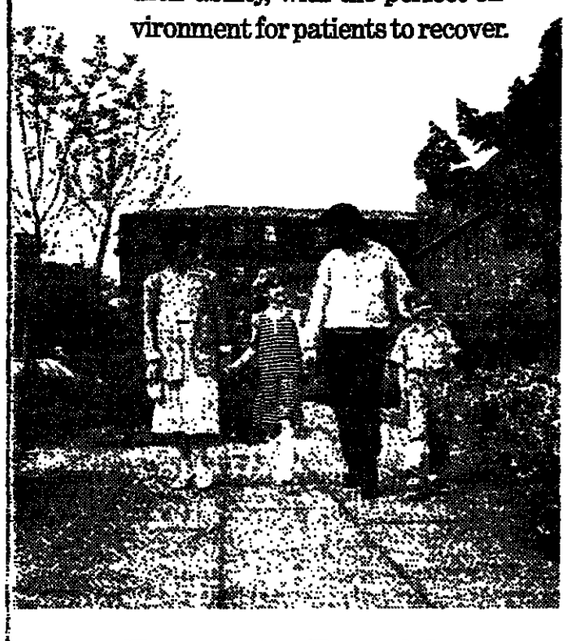
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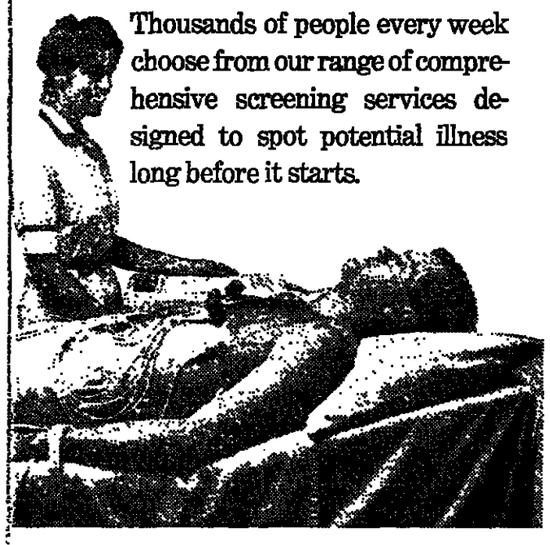
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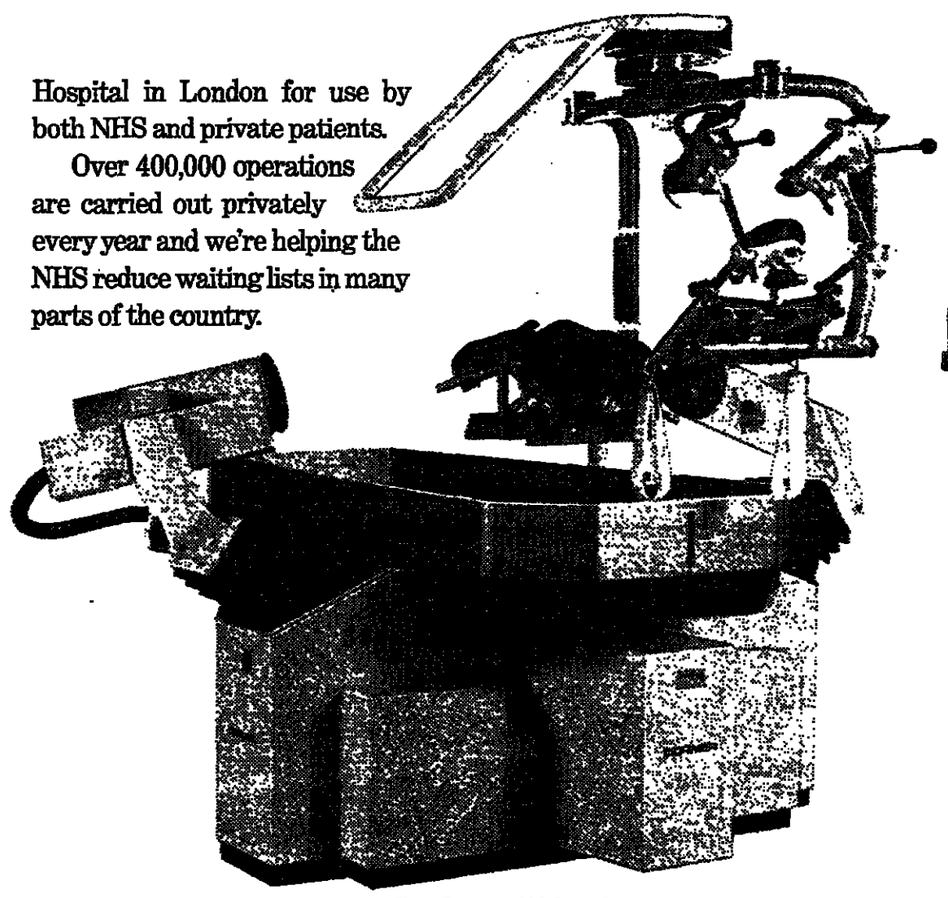
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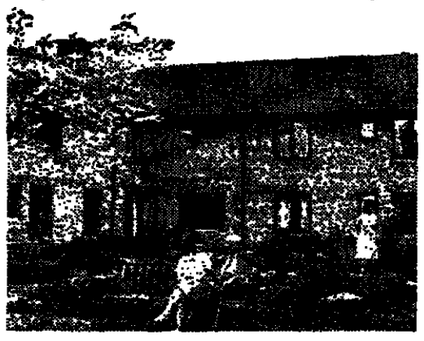
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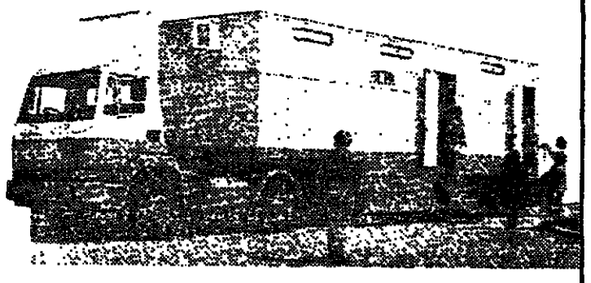
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Tube chief's attitude to fires 'troubles' inquiry chairman

By Andrew Morgan

The chairman of the King's Cross inquiry yesterday told Dr Tony Ridley, chairman of London Underground, that he was troubled by the frequency of fires on the network and Dr Ridley's descriptions of them as an "occupational hazard".

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, made his comments after Dr Ridley, also managing director of the Underground, said it would be "misguided" if the inquiry recommended actions aimed at preventing fires on the network.

Mr Fennell told Dr Ridley: "You have suggested it would be wholly unrealistic to say in the inquiry report that there should not be any fire on the Underground. But I am troubled about your feeling that somebody who says that fires can't be allowed to be an occupational hazard in the Underground isn't bearing a proper eye to reality".

He added: "You have repeated on a number of occasions that you are very anxious to reassure the general public and your 2½ million passengers daily. But at the moment I have to tell you that I am troubled about what appears to me to be the frequency of the fires and your assurance that you really can't do any more than you are doing."

Dr Ridley replied that he was not suggesting that LRT should not redouble its efforts to reduce the incidence of fire. "I am simply suggesting that it would be misguided to suggest that by doubling, tripling or quadrupling our efforts we could get to a position where there would be no fires on escalators".

Mr Fennell asked Dr Ridley why it was so difficult to prevent fires on the Underground, compared with other locations. He replied that the problems included dust, litter and contractors, and the use of electrical power. Other Underground systems had similar problems. "Nowhere do I know a system where it is thought that fires can be eliminated on an elderly system."

The British Rail Property Board will announce today the consortium it has chosen to undertake the multi-billion pound scheme to redevelop 120 acres of land at King's Cross and St Pancras.

The two on the short list are London Regeneration Consortium – which includes the National Freight Consortium and the developers Rosehaugh and Stanhope Securities – and Speyhawk/McAlpine. Rosehaugh and Stanhope are at present working for British Rail at Broadgate in the City.

Camden Council wants a mixed scheme providing local employment and housing, with leisure facilities and a better environment.

He insisted that the best he could do was to ensure that there would never be fires which would become uncontrollable and put passengers lives at risk.

However, Mr Fennell countered: "This is what troubles me greatly. The difference between a fire and a fire which gets out of control is nothing to do with you. Once a fire starts, don't you postulate that it might get out of control?"

Dr Ridley said that a key management failure had been the absence of a system ensuring that all reports of fires were seen by senior managers and necessary action considered.

But he added: "If we had had such reports coming to us and if we had had better understanding of the statistics of fires and smoulderings as we now have, I find it very difficult indeed – in fact impossible – to believe that without the hindsight provided by King's Cross we would have acted differently."

Mr Fennell said he regretted that no expert agreement had been reached about the cause of the disaster and why a small fire had become an inferno. He would, therefore, have to decide for himself where the truth lay. "It would be regrettable if I were to make a finding which Dr Ridley and London Underground were not prepared to accept."

Later, Sir Keith Bright, chairman and chief excecutive of London Regional Transport, and the last witness, said: "The Underground system, even after King's Cross, remains a very safe system". He said that LRT was making money available to ensure that more than 100 actions promised by London Underground after King's Cross would be carried out.

Sir Keith was challenged about whether Underground managers had fostered "excuses" about arson and suspect paint to escape blame. Mr Henderson made it clear when the inquiry began that most experts believed the arson theory "does not withstand analysis". Instead, the inquiry has been told that a smoker's dropped match probably started the fire.

Most scientists who gave evidence believe the fire spread rapidly because no early attempt was made to put it out. They also exonerate paint.

Mr Henderson told Sir Keith: "I will not beat about the bush. What I am anxious to secure from you, as the chairman and managing director of LRT, is that there will not be, and has not been, any fostering of excuses which might tend to exculpate LUL [London Underground Limited] or its staff when truly the responsibility should be accepted."

Sir Keith said: "I will answer it this way. If the fire were started on LUL premises, by whatever means, there is no doubt that it is LUL's fire.

"We at LRT can't possibly be considered to be trying to wriggle out of the blame for the tragedy", but it was vital to understand "that we are not helped if we don't have a completely full investigation".

Pulling the wool before the judge's eyes



Dorset horn and poll Dorset sheep under scrutiny yesterday at the Royal Bath and West Show near Shepton Mallet, Somerset (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A campaign to prevent drastic government cuts in agricultural and food research was launched yesterday at the Royal Bath and West Show.

The Institution of Professional Civil Servants is aiming to collect 500,000 signatures at this summer's main agricultural shows for a petition to be presented to Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, opposing cutbacks in agricultural research. The union represents more than 10,500 scientists, researchers and advisers in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Agricultural and Food Research Council and other public bodies.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who began her career as a food scientist, is said to believe that most research work should be funded by the food and agricultural supply industries and that if they are unwilling to put up the money, the work is probably unnecessary.

The union fears the council's budget will be cut more severely than that of other bodies because the council's institutes carry out mainly applied research for industrial customers. A government announcement is expected within the next few weeks.

The union is particularly concerned that the Whitehall review, known as the Barnes report, has been carried out entirely in secret.

"Incredibly, the Government has refused to consult with the industry, Parliament or its own employees about its plans, despite repeated pleas from MPs, professional bodies and consumers", Mr Simon Sapper, the union's national officer, said.

"The farming community is reeling from curbs on output, grants, and quotas, falling prices and fierce competition from overseas", he said.

"On top of this the Government now plans to make a drastic series of cutbacks in the laboratory work and field trials that are essential to develop future products and techniques."

The main display by the Government's Agricultural Development and Advisory Service (Adas) at the show near Shepton Mallet is intended to tell farmers how to seek new sources of income from diversification and from marketing "value added" produce such as farmhouse cheeses, yoghurts, ice cream, high quality fruit and vegetables and smoked meat.

One example is that of a group of Dorset dairy farmers who were told by their local Adas representatives that a factory making coleslaw in Dorchester was importing cabbages from abroad.

Although the farmers had no experience of vegetable growing, they learnt how to do so and the factory is now supplied locally.

With thousands of children attendingduring half-term holidays, emphasis is also being placed on the need to reduce farm accidents.

The show is open for the next three days: admission £6 adult, £3 children and £3 OAPs today and tomorrow; £5 and £2 on Saturday.

Results: Champions cattle: short horn: H I Doggrell, East Knoyle; reserve R Whittle & Son, Milverton; British Friesian: John Jordan, Worcester; reserve W G Gould & Sons Ltd, Greenham; British Holstein: R D Horton & Son, Broad Hinton; reserve Whitsbury Farm & Stud Ltd; Ayrshires: A C Woodley & Partners, Bursham; reserve J Stannard, Cirencester; Jerseys: Mr & Mrs J Taylor & Son, Sigwells, Sherbourne; reserve Mr & Mrs D Carter & Son, Hartbury; Guernseys: Mr & Mrs P J Mills, Thornton; reserve C G Parfitt, Denbury, Bristol; Dexters: Mrs M P Laing, Tiverton; reserve Miss Jay King, Newbury.

● The Government is rushing through legislation to make bovine spongiform encephalopathy – a mystery cattle disease which has already killed more than 500 animals – a notifiable disease.

Clerk freed after £15m fraud bid

A £7,500-a-year accounts clerk who tried to claim £15 million in value added tax over the sale of a sapphire ring worth £60 was freed by a court yesterday in spite of being found guilty.

Stephen Howard, described as "an eccentric who played a game of Monopoly with the VAT system", was convicted of attempted fraud by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court and given a conditional discharge for two years.

Howard set up five wholesale jewellery and finance businesses with names such as Goldfinger and Zoom City, Mr Conrad Seagroatt, QC, the prosecuting counsel, said.

They existed only on paper and had just £100 in share capital, but no assets or genuine investments.

The ring was bought for £60.42 by one of Howard's companies and sold to another in a paper transaction for an inflated figure of £115 million. He then submitted a claim for a £15 million VAT repayment.

Howard, aged 34, of Barnstone Road, Nottingham, told the court that his businesses were part of a scheme to expose and exploit "a genuine loophole in the VAT regulations".

He said he hoped the result would be a change in the law, and a financial bonus for himself. If the £15 million claim had been met, he planned investing it for about three months, earning him interest of about £375,000, before repaying it.

He expected to be descended upon by VAT investigators within days of putting in the "absurd claim", he said.

Howard denied attempting fraud between October 1, 1986 and April 15 last year. Judge Thomas Kellock, QC, said: "I think you have learned your lesson by being dealt with by this jury".

VAT prosecution limit

Perpetrators of value-added tax frauds are generally not prosecuted unless the amount involved exceeds £75,000, the Government has confirmed.

In a memorandum demanded by the Commons public accounts committee, Customs and Excise said it would normally try to regain lost revenues without going to court, through a mutually agreed process called "compounding".

According to figures supplied with the memorandum, 66 per cent of all VAT fraud cases last year were settled through compounding. The memorandum has angered MPs on the committee, who said it was another instance of one law for the rich and another for the poor.

Mr Robert Sheldon, the committee chairman, pointed to the "great discrepancy" between the treatment meted out to those who sought to make money through VAT frauds, and to those who made false social security claims.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, rejected Customs and Excise claims that it was often not worth the time and cost to bring cases to court.

Justices' Clerks' Society conference

Police criticized for not acting on unpaid fines

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The police came under attack yesterday for their "unilateral refusal" in parts of the country to execute thousands of warrants issued by courts over outstanding fines.

Mr John Pearson, president, told the Justices' Clerks' Society conference at Blackpool that the police attitude had led to a "serious situation. In Brighton alone the number of warrants not executed has risen from 1,000 in June 1986 to 7,500." Some police forces "categorically refuse to execute warrants", he said. "If they don't want these jobs, let them say so publicly."

Their refusal left courts unable to tackle fine defaulting, he told 300 justices' clerks, the chief legal advisers to magistrates in England and Wales.

"Once the court has taken the step of issuing default proceedings it can do no more. We all know that the word goes round that if you do not pay your fine it does not really matter."

"If fines are not enforced there is not much point in imposing them in the first place", Mr Pearson said. Police officers would feel it was not worthwhile arresting people if they were not made to pay in the end. And court staff were frustrated when they had done all they could.

He said the clerks knew there were classes of work police felt they should not be undertaking. This included executing distress warrants, as well as fine default warrants.

Nor did they want to provide "what many of us would regard as adequate police presence in court". As a result, courts might have to look to employing their own security forces to protect staff, he said. "It would not be so bad if they had come out openly and said these things. The police have been withdrawn from courts often without consultation."

He urged the police to consult with the courts. "I do not wish to create any ill relationship with the Association of Chief Police Officers, but I think that a clearing of the air and a realization of the exact position in which we stand can do nothing but good for both parties."

Clerks might have to assume some of the jobs now done by the police, Mr Pearson added. They might have to look at employing many more fines enforcement officers, although such officers might need statutory recognition to give them the full powers of a police officer. Earlier, Mr Pearson said that the courts were now subject to "constant attacks, constant denigration, constant misrepresentation by the press."

Referring to a survey earlier this year by the Association of British Editors which said courts hampered the press in their attempts to cover proceedings, Mr Pearson said the report was ill-researched, irresponsible and "mischievous".

"I have been through every case described in the report which could possibly appear to be an allegation of the prevention of proper publicity. With the best will in the world, I can only find 14 examples of what might be called improper practice."

The report served to "undermine public confidence in the fair dealing of the courts with defendants", he said. That did "a disservice to the community".

Graham to crusade in London

Dr Billy Graham, the American evangelist, is to conduct a full-scale mission in London next summer, it was announced yesterday.

It will be his first big campaign in the capital for more than 20 years, although he conducted a national mission in 1986 and visits London privately most years.

He was in London yesterday, on his way to Moscow, to express his hopes for the results of next year's London crusade. He is booked to appear at Earl's Court for about 10 days at the end of June.

London, he hoped, could give again the moral lead to the nation and the world that it had given in the past.

Museums call

Museums should negotiate with staff to open on Sunday mornings and Bank holidays, the London Tourist Board says. Increased opening hours would be a positive way to present charges, it believes.

Armed swoop

Two men arrested by armed police in a remote village on Anglesey are being questioned about the kidnapping of Jenny Morris, aged 15, at Long Cross, Lawrence Weston, Bristol, last Friday. The girl was later released in the city.

Falcon guard

Villagers are guarding a pair of falcons and their chicks from nest robbers at Blaencwm in the Rhondda Valley, after three peregrine chicks were stolen. RSPB officers fear they could be sold to Arabs for up to £5,000 each.

TUC 'has role on training'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Union leaders were told yesterday that proper work training throughout every aspect of modern life is as much their responsibility as that of the Government or employers.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said it was vital that they made worker training a priority and included it in collective bargaining so that members could profit from the benefits.

His suggestions came at a one-day trade union conference on vocational training and education in London yesterday. He told TUC general council members, union representatives and union training specialists that training and the way trade unions dealt with it was more important now than at any other time in the movement's history.

Mr Willis's words and a TUC document which was before the conference underline a new approach to the subject, with the TUC urging unions to consider carefully any opposition towards the Government's new £1.5 billion training plan.

Last week the TUC general council gave the plan its conditional approval.

Mr Willis told delegates yesterday: "Training is no longer simply a matter of apprenticeship and technical education as it used to be. It now applies from shop floor to the boardroom."

It affected the lives of far more people than the teenagers upon whom training used to be concentrated. Training was essential throughout working life, he said. It guaranteed working people the skills needed for prosperity, and it guaranteed the economy the necessary skills to survive.

Mr Willis said young people over the next few years were going to be increasingly in short supply. A decade of mass youth unemployment would be replaced by growing competition for youth labour.

The delegates were told that the TUC wanted to see workplace training committees made up of unions, management and those responsible for training.

All bad drivers should be retrained, police say

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Nottinghamshire police have called for all careless drivers to undergo compulsory retraining after a successful two-year experiment in the county which could be a blueprint for a nationwide scheme.

Thirty of the offenders, who chose the one-day training course as an alternative to prosecution, have not reoffended or been involved in an accident.

Nottinghamshire's assistant chief constable, Mr Edward Griffith, said that some of the 254 people offered the training option had driving habits which would have involved them in an accident sooner or later. On a formal marking system covering all aspects of driving, some offenders showed a remarkable 90 per cent improvement, others achieved a standard of driving better than some police drivers.

An extensive and thorough driver retraining experiment was called for in the recent review of the road traffic law by the committee headed by Professor Peter North.

A move to increase driver retraining is likely to be part of an initiative to retest more bad drivers. The North report recommends that the final tests should be twice the length of a normal driving test.

Oversupply brings condom mountain

By Paul Vallely

Hidden somewhere amid the red tape of Irish licensing laws lies another European surplus, the condom mountain.

Official statistics issued by the Irish government this week disclose the import of condoms has declined sharply in recent months. Licences were issued for the import of more than 50 million in 1987 but this year licences for only 2,600,000 have been granted.

The Irish Ministry of Health said yesterday: "We can only assume that importers brought in so many last year that they do not need to to bring many in now".

In 1985, contraceptives were made more widely available in the republic and licences were granted to import

'Bonanza' for lawyers

Guinness trial could cost up to £10m

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The "Guinness" affair is already being billed one of the most expensive criminal trials this century and a costs "bonanza" for lawyers.

The ultimate costs are impossible to predict as the length of trial is unknown, but estimates for the combined bill of prosecution counsel and the defence costs of the seven defendants are already running to £10 million.

Unlike legal aid cases, lawyers doing private work – both civil and criminal – are not bound by fixed rates. They can charge effectively what they like, provided it is acceptable to the client.

If not, it is reviewable either by the Law Society (non-court cases) or a taxation officer in the courts, and can be marked down if not "reasonable" and "reasonably incurred".

Solicitors' fees are not published, although the Law Society has recently been encouraging firms to quote hourly rates to clients and said it should be open to clients to put a ceiling on what they are prepared to pay.

Solicitors' bills normally comprise two elements: the basic hourly rate for a partner can vary in London from £80 to £150 or even, in exceptional cases, to £200.

On top of that, there is a discretionary mark-up that depends on a variety of factors, such as the complexity of the case. That can as much as double the hourly rate.

In a criminal case, there is no mark-up chargeable, but the hourly rate of City law firms is likely to take account of that.

Mr David King, a member of the Association of Law Costs Draftsmen, said yesterday: "Talking generally, in a case like this you are probably looking at an hourly rate of £150 to £180. On top, there will obviously be value-added tax.

For the barrister, there are also two main elements: the brief fee, calculated according to the seniority of counsel and also to the complexity of the case and how much preparation is involved.

In a case such as the Guinness trial, the brief fee could be anything from £50,000 to £100,000.

Then there is a daily refresher, which could be £1,000 to £1,250, which brings the total for a 10-week trial to as much as £110,000.

There could also be two junior barristers: one on half the leader's rate, at £55,000; the other on two-thirds, at £75,000, making a total of £230,000 for 10 weeks.

In addition, before trial, there are extra costs for opinions or conferences.

Six or seven all-day conferences, which could cost £1,500 each, will add another £10,000 to the bill for leading counsel and another £5,000 for a junior counsel.

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THE MOSCOW SUMMIT

Reagan lauds results as Gorbachov steals show

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

President Reagan said he thought an agreement from the strategic arms reduction talks (Start) could be negotiated this year but, if not, his successor could iron out the remaining differences. He said he would do everything he could to persuade the next president to continue the negotiations.

At a press conference after the conclusion of his summit talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Mr Reagan said a good deal of important work had been done. He said his personal relations with the Soviet leader had continued to deepen — though this alone was not enough. Progress had been made across the agenda, and "important additional strides" in verification and other arms control measures.

Mr Reagan said he found his discussions with various Soviet citizens — monks, dissidents, writers and students — "deep and moving", and it was his fervent hope that the values they expressed would attain even fuller expression.

He had been encouraged by signs of progress in the Soviet Union on human rights, and said that when people had the right to travel and speak freely, their creative energies were released.

"My desire has not been to sound a note of discouragement but one of realism," he said. He had not come to conduct a tutorial to the Russians but to explain American concerns. "This approach has borne fruit at previous meetings, and again at this summit."

He thanked Mr Gorbachov and the Soviet Government for making the summit a success, and said he would take the message to his successor that the Russian people were warm and friendly.

His remarks were delivered in a prepared statement. But when he came to answer questions, Mr Reagan was considerably less eloquent. Indeed, his rambling answers, inconclusive sentences, hesitations and apparent difficulty in grasping the point of many questions reinforced the impression that the five days of talks and meetings have taken a heavy toll on the 77-year-old President, and that he has had difficulty focusing his attention.

Asked why he had changed his mind about the "evil empire", Mr Reagan said the main reason had been the accession of Mr Gorbachov, whom he had found different from previous Soviet leaders. But he was unable to specify anything that he had learnt on his visit, and would not admit that he had changed his attitude towards the Soviet Union.

Mr Reagan defended his meeting with dissidents. He said he realized that Mr Gorbachov considered his activities an interference in Soviet internal affairs, but denied that this was the case.

At the same time, he said, Mr Gorbachov had seen the justice of what he had said, because many of the individuals named in lists handed by the US side to the Russians had been released.

President Reagan refused to acknowledge that barriers to emigration were anything more than bureaucratic mix-ups, and said that every country had problems with bureaucracy.

He rejected Mr Gorbachov's criticisms of socio-economic problems in the US.

On the prospects for another summit, Mr Reagan said it depended on how much progress was made in Start negotiations. He would not say how much further forward these were. But he said that if a treaty was signed, he would decide to go for a summit regardless of the election timetable in America.

He gave a passionate defence of his Strategic Defence Initiative, saying he still favoured making it available to any country in the world. Asked why he had been unable to persuade Mr Gorbachov of SDI's importance, he replied: "Maybe he just doesn't know me well enough."

● **Gorbachov triumph:** Mr Mikhail Gorbachov further enhanced his political reputation yesterday when he transformed the first fully fledged press conference he has given in the Soviet Union into a marathon *tour de force* which dealt with the most sensitive aspects of his domestic policy (Christopher Walker writes).

He looked supremely confident as he fielded questions, flanked by senior aides, including Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, and the man now seen as Mr Yegor Ligachov's main Politburo opponent, the Kremlin propaganda chief Mr Aleksandr Yakolev. Mr Ligachov was conspicuously absent.

Mr Gorbachov managed to duck part of the question which referred pointedly to complaints from leading reformers that they were unable to secure election as delegates to this month's party conference. Although the bulk of the conference was devoted to the summit and Mr Gorbachov's disappointed claim that the Soviet-American agreements reached had not gone far enough, he dealt also with domestic issues and appeared to relish the barrage of questions, whose openness surprised many Soviet reporters.

At one point, Mr Gorbachov muddled a question about the influence of American conservatives opposing arms control and took it wrongly to refer to the conservative opposition at home. Reporters were left in no doubt that he intended to fight hard for his position. "There is no alternative," he insisted, to the obvious approval of his aides. "*Perestroika* will win out."

He took the offensive on the issue of human rights, revealing intimate details of his face-to-face talks with President Reagan when he told the US leader bluntly that his claims about Washington's human *rights failings were based on* congressional data and stories in the US media.

The 300 or so journalists selected to attend had been vetted by the Central Committee. It was noted that the reporters selected were, by and large, those whose stories had been most favourable to the Soviet Union.

Mr Gorbachov, whose energy was undiminished by the punishing summit schedule, carefully wooed his influential audience when he paused for *translation of his words for* baffled English-speaking newsmen who were forced to sit without ear sets because they had been taken by Soviet officials and reporters.

Mr Gorbachov took charge, ordering reporters to shift this way and that. "Let the Soviets who do not have to listen take that row over there," he said, pointing. "Come on, change over! I can see people here who are not connected with the press. Why don't they give up their seats to those who can't hear the translation." His gesture, removing the bureaucrats who often block press conferences in Moscow, was loudly applauded by newsmen watching the conference on closed-circuit television in the summit press centre two miles away.



Summit rivalry: Mrs Gorbachov and Mrs Reagan gesturing during their tour of the icons at the Tretyakov gallery yesterday

Chill in the air on First Ladies' tour

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Far from showing any signs of a thaw, relations between the Soviet and American First Ladies grew even more frosty yesterday as they went on a tour of priceless Russian icons at Moscow's Tretyakov gallery.

For the second time since the summit began, differences on the issue of religion were the main cause of the friction, which neither side bothered to hide. More than once during the 45-minute tour of the gallery Mrs Reagan — fresh from her triumphant tour of Leningrad without Mrs Gorbachov — claimed that she was being forbidden permission to speak.

At one stage, hearing that Mrs Gorbachov — who accused her guest of being late and failed to wait at the gallery's main door to greet her — had lectured the waiting press pool on the history of the icons without mentioning their religious origins, Mrs Reagan said: "I do not how you can neglect the religious element. I mean, they are there for everyone to see. I am impressed by their beauty."

This followed a tour of the Kremlin's splendid Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, when Mrs Reagan annoyed her hostess by asking pointedly if it was used for religious services.

Yesterday, a senior aide to Mrs Reagan described the tour as being organized like "a Chinese fire drill".

The trouble began when Mrs Reagan failed to arrive on time and Mrs Gorbachov, who has a reputation among the Americans for being pedantic and self-opinionated, delivered an impromptu lecture to waiting newsmen. A self-proclaimed atheist, she first attempted to engage the reporters in a discussion on the icons and when no one responded launched into a monologue.

"First this culture is very ancient, very old," she said. "Look at this 'Trinity' by Rublyev. You can smell the features from their 13th century beauty."

When Mrs Reagan arrived and Mrs Gorbachov began to talk again about the icons, the White House's First Lady was clearly heard to say on several occasions: "Now wait a minute, I want to talk now."

Questioned about the apparent continuing tension, Elaine Crispin, Mrs Reagan's press secretary, said: "There is no feud, but the two are from different worlds."

Israelis to stop abuse of exit visa

From David Bernstein
Jerusalem

Alarmed that fewer than 10 per cent of the 1,169 Jews who left the Soviet Union last month actually arrived in Israel, the Immigrant Absorption Ministry here is planning to stop the opportunistic use of Israeli visas by Soviet Jews who have no intention of emigrating to Israel.

Mr Yaacov Tsur, the Minister of Immigrant Absorption, yesterday demanded an urgent Cabinet meeting to put an end to the alarming drop-out rate of Soviet Jews who leave the Soviet Union on Israeli visas but end up in the United States and elsewhere.

This reached an all-time high last month, when of the 1,169 Jews who left the Soviet Union on Israeli visas, 110 arrived in Israel. Of the 4,696 Jews who have left since the beginning of this year, only 862 made it to Israel. The rest remained in Vienna before going on to the *US* or *elsewhere* as "political refugees".

"This is a cynical abuse of Israeli visas with the purpose of emigrating to the United States," Mr Tsur wrote yesterday in a strongly worded letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

He asked Mr Shamir to put the issue on the agenda for urgent discussion at next Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

An Absorption Ministry spokesman, Mr Gad Ben-Ari, proposed yesterday an *arrangement with the* Soviet authorities that would make it mandatory for all Soviet Jews leaving on Israeli visas to fly either directly to Israel, or via Bucharest rather than Vienna, where most such emigrants drop out at present.

But prominent figures such as Mr Nathan Sharansky and Mrs Ida Nudel opposed to any steps that would make it difficult for Jews to leave the Soviet Union.

American Jews are also strongly opposed to making it difficult for Soviet Jews to come to the United States, which would be the case were they to be forced to go via Israel, where they would automatically become Israeli citizens and thus ineligible for emigration to the United States as stateless refugees.

EXTRACTS FROM JOINT STATEMENT

An 'important step' along the road to new superpower realism

Moscow (Reuter) — *Here is a partial text of the joint statement issued at the end of the fourth summit between Mr Gorbachov and President Reagan.*

The President and the General Secretary view the Moscow summit as an important step in the process of putting US-Soviet relations on a more productive and sustainable basis. Their comprehensive and detailed discussions covered the full agenda of issues to which the two leaders agreed during their initial meeting in Geneva in November, 1985 — an agenda encompassing arms control, human rights and humanitarian matters, settlement of regional conflicts, and bilateral relations. Serious differences remain on important issues; the frank dialogue which has developed between the two countries remains critical to surmounting these differences.

The talks took place in a constructive atmosphere which provided ample opportunity for candid exchange. As a result, the sides achieved a better understanding of each other's positions. The two leaders welcomed the progress achieved in various areas of US-Soviet relations since their last meeting in Washington, notwithstanding the difficulty and complexity of the issues. They noted with satisfaction numerous concrete agreements which have been achieved, and expressed their determination to redouble efforts in the months ahead in areas where work remains to be done. They praised the creative and intensive efforts made by the representatives of both sides in recent months to resolve outstanding differences.

Assessing the state of US-Soviet relations, the President and the General Secretary *underscored the historic* importance of their meetings in Geneva, Reykjavik, Washington and Moscow in laying the foundation for a realistic approach to the problems of strengthening stability and reducing the risk of conflict. They reaffirmed their solemn conviction that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, their determination to prevent any war between the United States and the Soviet Union, whether nuclear or conventional, and their disavowal of any intention to achieve military superiority.

The two leaders are convinced that the expanding *political dialogue they have* established represents an increasingly effective means of resolving issues of mutual interest and concern. They do not minimize the real differences of history, tradition and ideology which will continue to characterize the US-Soviet relationship. But they believe that the dialogue will endure, because it is based on realism and focused on the achievement of concrete results. It can serve as a constructive basis for addressing not only the problems of the present, but of tomorrow and the next century. It is a process which the President and the General Secretary believe serves the best interests of the peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union, and can contribute to a more stable, more peaceful and safer world.

ARMS CONTROL

The President and the General Secretary, having expressed the commitment of their two countries to build on progress to date in arms control, determined objectives and next steps on a



● Nuclear war can't be won and must never be fought ●

wide range of issues in this area. These will guide the efforts of the two governments in the months ahead as they work with each other and with other states toward equitable, verifiable *agreements that strengthen* international stability and security . . .

NUCLEAR AND SPACE TALKS

The two leaders noted that a joint draft text of a treaty on reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms has been elaborated. Through this process, the sides have been able to record in the joint draft text extensive and significant areas of agreement and also to detail positions on remaining areas of disagreement. While important additional work is required before this treaty is ready for signature, many key provisions are recorded in the joint draft text and are considered to be agreed, subject to the completion and ratification of the treaty.

Taking into account a treaty on strategic offensive arms, the sides have continued negotiations to achieve a separate agreement concerning the ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missile) Treaty building on the language of the Washington summit joint statement dated December 10, 1987.

Progress was noted in preparing the joint draft text of an associated protocol. In connection with their obligations under the protocol, the sides have agreed in particular to use the nuclear risk-reduction centres for transmission of relevant information. The leaders directed their negotiators to prepare the joint draft text of a separate agreement and to continue work on its associated protocol.

The joint draft treaty on reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms reflects the earlier understanding on establishing ceilings of no more than 1,600 strategic offensive delivery systems and 6,000 warheads as well as agreement on sub-ceilings of 4,900 on the aggregate of ICBM (inter-continental ballistic missile) and SLBM (submarine-launched ballistic missile) warheads and 1,540 warheads on 154 heavy missiles.

The draft treaty also records the sides' agreement that, as a result of the reductions, the aggregate throw-weight of the Soviet Union's ICBMs and SLBMs will be reduced to a level approximately 50 per cent below the existing level, and this level will not be exceeded.

During the negotiations, the two sides have also achieved understanding that, in future work on the treaty, they will act on the understanding that, on deployed ICBMs and SLBMs of existing types, the counting rule will include the number of warheads referred to in the joint statement of December 10, 1987, and the number of warheads which will be attributed to each new type of ballistic missile will be subject to negotiation.

In addition, the sides agreed on a counting rule for heavy *bomber armaments according* to which heavy bombers equipped only for nuclear gravity bombs and SRAMs (short-range air-launched missiles) will count as one delivery vehicle against the 1,600 limit and one warhead against the 6,000 limit.

The delegations have also prepared joint draft texts of an inspection protocol, a conversion or elimination protocol, and a memorandum of understanding on data, which are integral parts of the treaty. These documents build on the verification provisions of the INF Treaty, extending and elaborating them as necessary to meet the more demanding requirements of Start (strategic arms reduction).

The Start verification measures will, at a minimum, include:

(A) Data exchanges, to include declarations and appropriate notifications on the number and location of weapons systems limited by Start, including locations and facilities for production, final assembly, storage, testing, repair, training, deployment, conversion and elimination of such systems. Such declarations will be exchanged between the sides before the treaty is signed and updated periodically.

(B) Baseline inspections to verify the accuracy of these declarations.

(C) On-site observation of elimination of strategic systems necessary to meet the agreed limits.

(D) Continuous on-site monitoring of the perimeter and portals of critical production facilities to confirm the output of weapons to be limited.

(E) Short-notice on-site inspection of: (i) declared locations during the process of reducing to agreed limits; (ii) locations where systems covered by this treaty remain after achieving the agreed limits; and (iii) locations where such systems have been located (formerly declared facilities).

(F) *Short-notice inspection, in* accordance with agreed-upon procedures, of locations where either side considers covert deployment, production, storage or repair of strategic offensive arms could be occurring.

(G) Prohibition of the use of concealment or other activities *which impede* verification by national technical means. Such provisions would include a ban on telemetry encryption and would allow for full access to all telemetric information broadcast during missile flight.

(H) Procedures that enable verification of the number of warheads on deployed ballistic missiles of each specific type, including on-site inspection.

(I) Enhanced observation of activities related to reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms by national technical means. These would include open displays of treaty-limited items at missile bases, bomber bases and submarine ports at *locations and times chosen by* the inspecting party.

A summary of the INF treaty's provisions:

1 The treaty bans US and Soviet medium- and shorter-range missiles with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles, as well as their launchers and supporting equipment.
2 In the first three years after the treaty comes into force, the Soviet Union must destroy its SS 20, SS 4 and SS 5 medium-range missiles. The United States must destroy its Cruise and Pershing 2 medium-range missiles — the deployment of which in Western Europe caused protests in the early 1980s.
3 During an 18-month period, the Soviet Union must destroy its SS 12 and SS 23 shorter-range missiles. The United States must destroy its Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles, and 72 warheads for West German Pershing 1As.
4 The Soviet Union will eliminate a total of 1,752 nuclear missiles, both deployed and non-deployed. These include 826 medium-range weapons and 926 shorter-range ones. The United States will eliminate a total of 859 nuclear missiles, deployed and non-deployed. These include 689 medium-range weapons and 170 shorter-range ones.
5 The treaty provides for detailed on-site inspection measures to ensure that neither side violates its terms.

Today's timetable

Today's summit timetable in Moscow (local time):
9am President Reagan visits US Embassy personnel and families at Spaso House.
10am The Reagans and the Gorbachovs take part in the departure ceremony in St George's Hall, in the grand Kremlin palace.
10.45am Official departure ceremony at Vnukovo airport with President Gromyko.
11am President and Mrs Reagan leave on Air Force One for London.
Today's events during President Reagan's visit to London (BST):
11.35am Arrival at Heathrow. Travel to Winfield House, Regent's Park, residence of American Ambassador.
5pm Mr and Mrs Reagan take tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.
6pm Mr Reagan arrives at Foreign Office, is greeted by Mrs Thatcher, inspects Welsh Guards.
6.15pm Mrs Reagan meets Prince Charles at Winfield House.
6.15pm Mrs Thatcher escorts President Reagan to Downing Street. After talks they are joined by Mrs Reagan and Mr Thatcher for dinner.
9.30pm Two couples expected to watch Beating the Retreat in Horseguards Parade.

The two sides have also begun to exchange data on their strategic forces.

During the course of this meeting in Moscow, the exchanges on Start resulted in the achievement of substantial additional common ground, particularly in the areas of ALCMs (air-launched cruise missiles) and the attempts to develop and agree, if possible, on a solution to the problem of verification of mobile ICBMs.

The details of this additional common ground have been recorded in documents exchanged between the sides. The delegations in Geneva will record these gains in the joint draft text of the Start treaty.

The sides also discussed the question of limiting long-range, nuclear-armed SLCMs (submarine-launched cruise missiles).

Ronald Reagan and M. S. Gorbachov expressed their joint confidence that the extensive work done provides the basis for concluding the treaty on reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms which will promote strategic stability and strengthen security not only of the peoples of the USSR and the USA, but of all mankind.

Guided by this fundamental agreement, the US President and the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union) agreed to continue their efforts in this area energetically and purposefully. The delegations of the two countries have been instructed to return to Geneva on July 12, 1988. It has been agreed as a matter of principle that, once the remaining problems are solved and the treaty and its associated documents are agreed, they will be signed without delay . . .

NUCLEAR TESTING

The leaders reaffirmed the commitment of the two sides to conduct in a single forum full-scale, stage-by-stage negotiations on the issues relating to nuclear testing. In these negotiations, the sides, as the first step, will agree upon effective verification measures which will make it possible to ratify the US-USSR Threshold Test Ban Treaty of 1974 and Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty of 1976, and proceed to negotiating further intermediate limitations on nuclear testing, leading to the ultimate objective of the complete cessation of nuclear testing as part of the effective disarmament process. This process, among other things, would pursue, as the first priority, the goal of the reduction of nuclear weapons and, ultimately, their elimination. In implementing the first objective of these negotiations, agreement upon effective verification measures for the US-USSR Threshold Test Ban Treaty (TTBT) of 1974, the sides agreed to design and conduct a joint verification experiment at each other's test sites.

The leaders therefore noted with satisfaction the signing of the Joint Verification Experiment Agreement, the considerable preparation underway for the experiment, and the positive co-operation being exhibited in particular by the substantial numbers of personnel in work at each other's test sites. They also *noted the substantial progress* on a new protocol to the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty and urged continuing constructive negotiations on effective verification measures for the Threshold Test Ban Treaty.

Expressing their conviction that the progress achieved so far



● Disavowal of wish to achieve military superiority ●

forms a solid basis for continuing progress on issues relating to nuclear testing, the leaders instructed the negotiators to complete expeditiously the preparation of a protocol to the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty and to complete the preparation of a protocol to the Threshold Test Ban Treaty as soon as possible after the joint verification experiment has been conducted and analysed. They confirmed their understanding that verification measures for the TTBT will, to the extent appropriate, be used in further nuclear test limitation agreements which may subsequently be reached. They also declared their mutual intention to seek ratification of both the 1974 and 1976 treaties

REGIONAL ISSUES

The President and the General Secretary thoroughly discussed a wide range of regional questions, including the Middle East, the Iran-Iraq war, southern Africa, the Horn of Africa, Central America, Cambodia, the Korean Peninsula, and other issues. They expressed satisfaction with the April, 1988, conclusion in Geneva of accords on an Afghanistan settlement. Although the discussions revealed serious differences both in the assessment of the causes of regional tensions and in the means to overcome them, the leaders agreed that these differences need not be an obstacle to constructive interaction between the US and USSR.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The leaders reviewed the status of on-going multilateral negotiations and bilateral US-Soviet consultations toward a comprehensive, effectively verifiable, and truly global ban on chemical weapons, encompassing all chemical weapons-capable states. They also expressed concern over the growing problem of chemical weapons proliferation and use.

CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL

The leaders emphasized the importance of strengthening stability and security in the *whole of Europe. They wel*comed progress to date on development of a mandate for new negotiations on armed forces and conventional armaments. They expressed their hope for an early and balanced conclusion to the Vienna CSCE (disarmament) Follow-Up Meeting. The President and the General Secretary also noted that full implementation of the provisions of the document of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe can significantly increase openness and mutual confidence . . .

BALLISTIC MISSILES

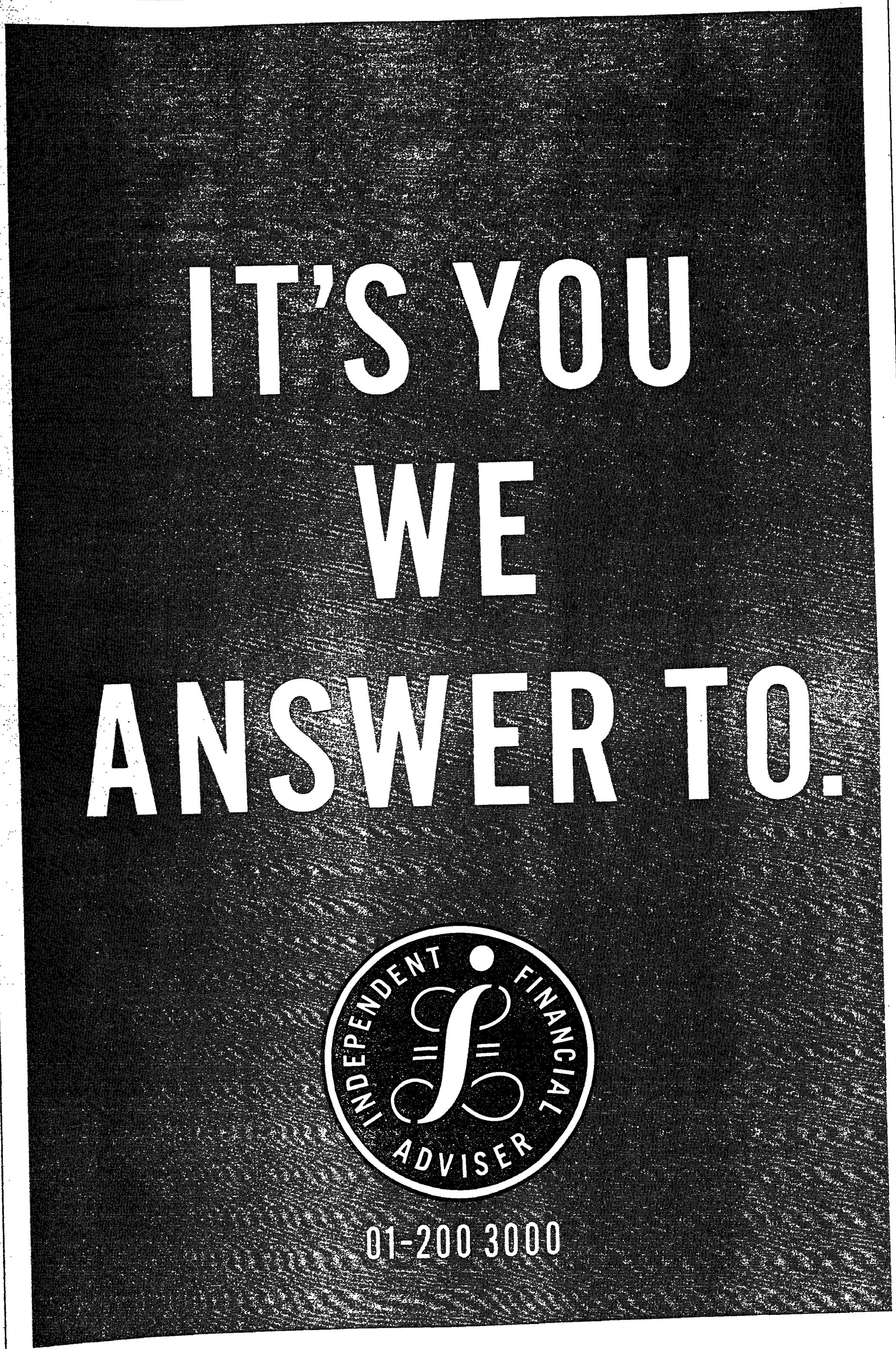
The leaders agreed to bilateral discussions at the level of experts on the problem of proliferation of ballistic missile technology . . .

HUMAN RIGHTS

The President and the General Secretary engaged in a detailed discussion of human rights and humanitarian concerns. The leaders reviewed the increasingly broad and detailed US-Soviet dialogue in this area, and agreed that it should be conducted at all levels in order to achieve sustained, concrete progress. They noted that this dialogue should seek to maximize assurance of the rights, freedoms and human dignity of individuals; promotion of people-to-people communications and contacts; active sharing of spiritual, cultural, historical and other values; and greater mutual understanding and respect between the two countries . . .

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[Fig 1.]



In 1987, the former British Airports Authority was privatised and is now plain BAA plc (the initials don't stand for anything): a fact which some people seem strangely slow to grasp. To help them we invited celebrated lateral thinker Dr Edward de Bono to devise a foolproof way of remembering our new name and other salient facts. For his off-beat but distinctly original suggestions now read on...

'Baaaaaaaa!' said Edward de Bono down the line from Toronto.

'Baaaaaaaa.' No doubt about it. The man was definitely bleating.

'Doctor de Bono? Is that you? Perhaps there's a sheep on the line.'

'Softly or harshly, it's the same,' he was muttering to himself, 'Baaa Baaa. Noise a sheep makes.' And he began to hum "Baa Baa Black Sheep."

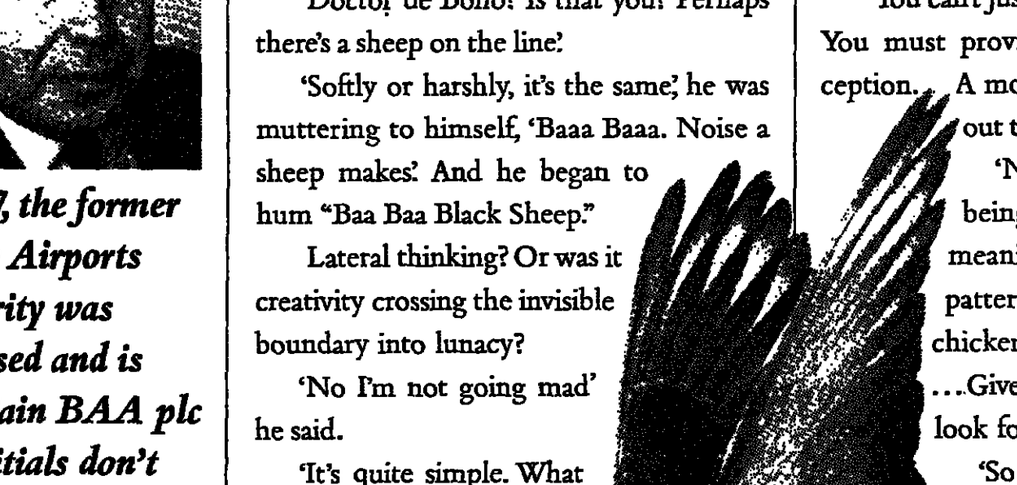
Lateral thinking? Or was it creativity crossing the invisible boundary into lunacy?

'No I'm not going mad' he said.

'It's quite simple. What I'm trying to do is get people to remember BAA is a noise rather than a set of initials.'

How to remember that BAA is no longer the British Airports Authority but just plain BAA.

We'd changed our name because, as a newly privatised company, we were clearly no longer an 'Authority.' Alternatives like British Associated Airports and British Amalgamated Airports lacked the resonance the corporate soul so craves.



[Fig 4.]
Taxes? Perish the thought. No-one gets clipped at BAA's airports.

Why not simply initials?

After all, Harry S. Truman stood for President with a middle initial that didn't stand for anything. It certainly didn't stand in his way.

We'd explained all this to Dr de Bono.

'Your problem,' he told us, 'is one of unthink.

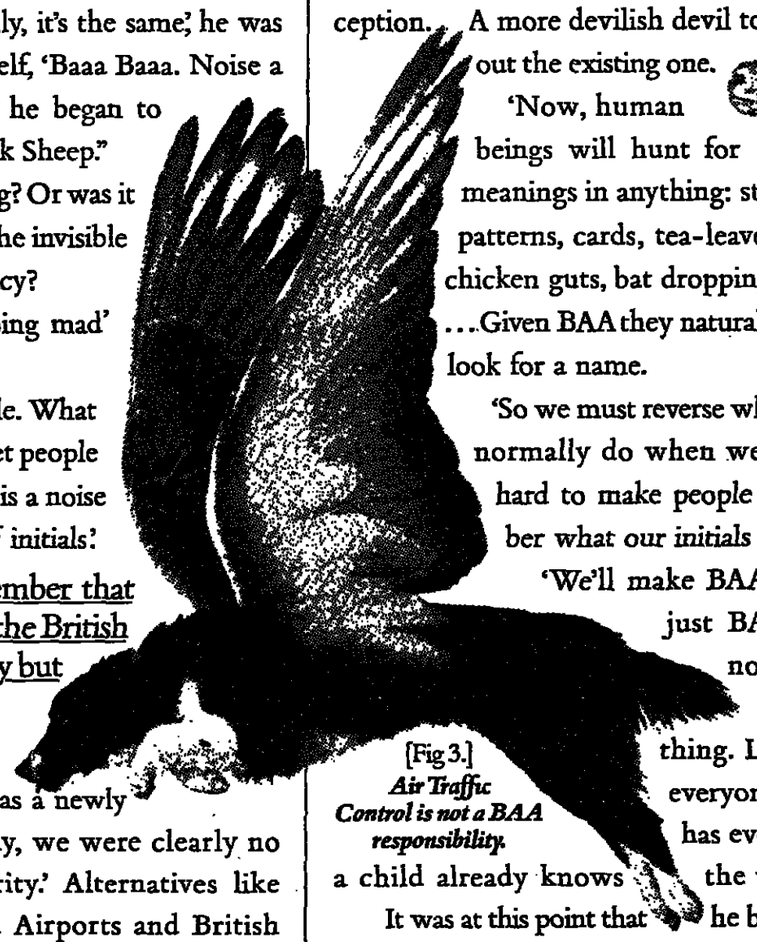
'That's tough. I spend my time trying to find ways of thinking better. Unthink is a big problem. People won't do it.

'You can't just block a line of perception. You must provide a more powerful perception... A more devilish devil to drive out the existing one.

'Now, human beings will hunt for meanings in anything: star patterns, cards, tea-leaves, chicken guts, bat droppings ...Given BAA they naturally look for a name.

'So we must reverse what we normally do when we try so hard to make people remember what our initials mean.

'We'll make BAA mean just BAA and not stand for anything. Luckily, everyone who has ever been a child already knows the word.'



[Fig 3.]
Air Traffic Control is not a BAA responsibility.

It was at this point that he began to bleat. (For Dr de Bono's solution, see Fig 1.)

How to remember that BAA owns and runs just seven airports.

'Since we've made BAA into a sheep, we might look for other ovine mnemonics,' said Dr de Bono. 'Sheep are comfortable, non-aggressive and stick to routines. Airports should not be brash and demanding and puzzles for hyper-intellects.'

It was a day later and he'd just flown into São Paulo, Brazil. 'What's this "7 airports" business?' he asked.

BAA, we explained, is tired of being blamed when things go wrong at airports it has nothing to do with.

On the other hand, it's proud of the fact that Heathrow and Gatwick are the world's top two international airports.

'Now that's magnificent,' said Dr de Bono. 'Enter BAA's magnificent seven.'

Silence at our end.

'They're a bit hairy and macho,' he added, 'so we'll mount them all on our comfortable sheep.' (There they are in Fig 2.)

How to remember that BAA is not responsible for air traffic control.

'I can appreciate why you want to publicise that air traffic control isn't your bag,' said Dr de Bono.

'My flight out of São Paulo was delayed and I nearly missed my connection to Grenada. But it wasn't the airport's fault.'

Over the phone came a noise like a crow clearing its throat.

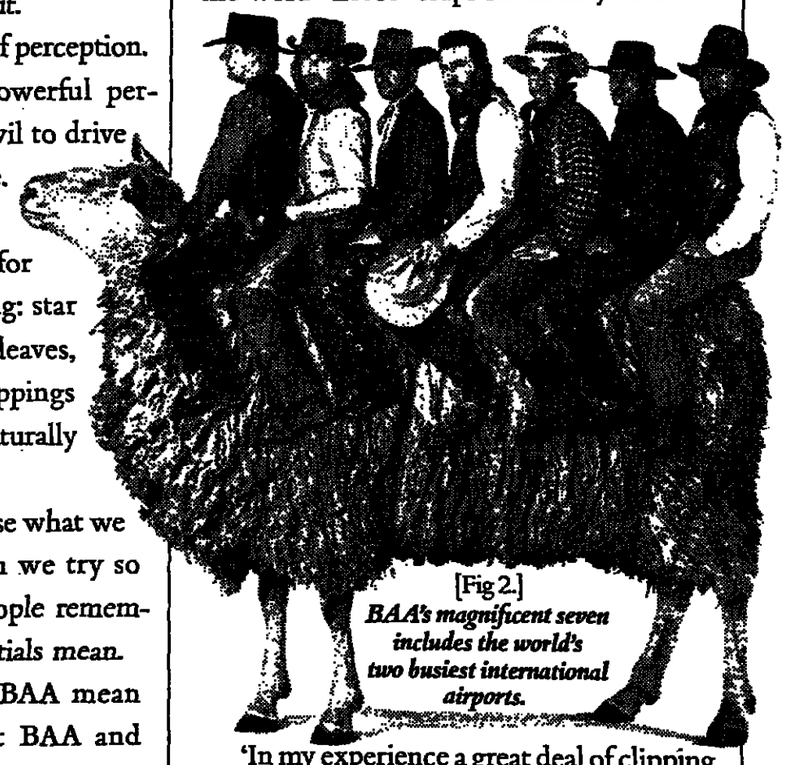
'Caaaaaaaa,' he said. 'C.A.A. It's the Civil Aviation Authority who are responsible for air traffic control. Now let's see...

'Sheepdogs control sheep. So let's whistle up, say, a cross between a Welsh gryphon and a Welsh collie and sit it on the control tower.'

(Sadly, our photographic budget did not permit us to realise Dr de Bono's vision in all its glory. You will have to imagine the control tower. See Fig 3.)

How to remember that BAA levies no taxes on passengers at its airports and has never cost the taxpayer a penny.

'Say "airport tax,"' said Dr de Bono, 'and the word "fleece" leaps irresistibly to mind.



[Fig 2.]
BAA's magnificent seven includes the world's two busiest international airports.

'In my experience a great deal of clipping goes on at airports.

'I should know. I use about 60 airports a year. 16 on this trip alone. They're always inventing baffling new taxes.

'In Australia (I've been there twice this year) they take 25 dollars when you leave the country. 'In Hong Kong they take HK$100 as you check in.

'Take a picture of a clipped sheep and put a caption saying that there's no clipping at BAA airports.' (We refer you to Fig 4.)

Our last call caught Edward de Bono as he was preparing to leave Grenada.

'We've taken your advice,' we said. 'Our art director has spent three days locked in a studio with three sheep, seven cowboys, a Welsh collie and a pigeon.

'Are you sure it's the best way to help people remember?'

'No,' said Dr de Bono, 'but it's one they'll never forget.'

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Fiji arms shipment

Australians hunt for ex-SAS mercenaries

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

A gang of mercenaries, including at least two former members of Britain's elite Special Air Service, is being sought by Australian intelligence officers who want to question them about the massive cache of arms bound for Fiji and seized in Sydney.

The hired soldiers, led by a Libyan, reportedly planned to link up with ethnic Indian militants to use the guns and explosives to launch an attack and oust Brigadier Sitiveni Rabuka, the islands' military ruler. ASIO, the Australian Security Intelligence Organization, is investigating reports that the mercenaries recently made several flights to Fiji from Essendon airport, Melbourne, and left Australia again in the last few days.

ASIO is also trying to locate a "safe house" in the exclusive Melbourne suburb of South Yarra which the mercenaries used as a base and a warehouse near the airport where they hid large quantities of weapons. The arms found in Sydney included Czech-made Kalashnikov assault rifles, sub-machine guns, mortars, anti-tank mines, and rocket-propelled grenade-launchers.

The arms were discovered by customs men as the 12 tonnes of arms were about to be loaded on board a French cargo vessel. It is understood to be the third arms shipment made recently.

The weapons were seized by French troops during fighting last year between Libya and Chad. They were sold to Fijian nationalists, but intercepted in Sydney after being shipped through Sri Lanka and Singapore from North Yemen.

The cache of arms – enough weaponry for 1,000 men – was being examined yesterday by Australian army technicians. The six crates contained little ammunition, raising fears that further shipments have already got through or are on their way to Fiji. The arms were destined for Lautoka, the Fijian stronghold of the islands' deposed ethnic Indian Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra.

However, supporters of Dr Bavadra and militant Indians, disaffected since last year's two military coups in Fiji, have denied any knowledge of the arms, and have accused the Fiji Military Forces, under the command of Brigadier Rabuka. In Suva, the Fijian capital, the brigadier last night announced he would head an inquiry into the attempted shipment of arms. He declared: "I have no idea who is involved. Nor do I know who was to make the collection. But there are ways of finding out, and I will personally be conducting the investigation."

Brigadier Rabuka denied that his own forces – unable any longer to purchase weapons from Commonwealth suppliers since Fiji was declared a republic – were behind the weapons deal. He said: "There is no need for me to smuggle arms into my own country. I have the power to buy on the open market."

The brigadier added he was confident that those responsible for the shipment and its collection would soon be identified and dealt with.

A government spokesman said there was "grave official concern" over the attempt to smuggle arms into the country. The existence of the shipment indicated that there were elements within and outside the South Pacific nation trying to disrupt Fiji's political situation. The Fijian security forces had been placed on full alert. Suspicion concerning the shipment is also being directed at the radical Taukei movement of indigenous Fijians.

Two die in Dutch rail crash



Rescue workers surveying the wrecked carriage of a passenger express after a fatal collision with a gravel train yesterday at Rilland, in the south-west of The Netherlands about 15 miles from the Belgian city of Antwerp. Two people were killed and 20 injured, a Dutch railway spokesman in Utrecht said (AP reports). The cause of the accident, the worst in The Netherlands in recent years, was not immediately known. One of the dead was believed to be the driver of the passenger train. Two of the injured passengers were in a serious condition, the spokesman added. He said that rescue services were at the scene within minutes. The passenger train, was on its way from Roosendaal, a main junction about 60 miles south of Amsterdam, to Vlissingen. The spokesman reported that visibility was good at the time of the accident, which happened on a slight bend.

Jackson lays claim to be running mate

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Rev Jesse Jackson has for the first time staked a claim to be the Democratic Party's vice-presidential candidate, declaring emphatically in a hectic election swing through New Jersey that he had earned the right to be considered.

His claim also represented his first admission that he had lost the presidential nomination to Governor Michael Dukakis. But by laying down a claim to the vice-presidential nomination he sent a clear signal that he intends to exert his full influence to pull the party's election agenda towards the left – "back to its roots", as he put it.

Having raised the possibility of running as vice-president, he added wryly that he might turn down any offer to do so. He would make his decision after June 7, when the primary season ends with big polls in California and New Jersey, and others in Montana and New Mexico.

Mr Dukakis's campaign issued a carefully non-committal response, saying that "the governor has stated repeatedly that he will not spend time thinking about a running mate until after June 7. He has also said he will not rule anyone in or out at this point."

It seems unlikely that Mr Jackson would seriously press a demand to be the vice-presidential candidate, since that would almost certainly be the death knell for the Democrats' presidential hopes. He has said many times that he has no intention of splitting the party.

Mr Dukakis and Mr Jackson have established a good relationship, with each publicly criticizing each other in only the mildest manner. They are known to have met privately at least three times in recent weeks. The Massachusetts governor will need Mr Jackson in his bid to reach out to black voters, who could be decisive in the Democrats' election fortunes.

Mr Jackson said he did not forsee confrontation with Mr Dukakis. Speaking at a campaign rally in Trenton, he added that the vice-presidency was "something to be dealt with" after June 7.

So far Mr Jackson has 964 delegates, compared with 1,708 for Mr Dukakis. Mr Jackson said they were "expanding our relationship. We have earned the respect of each other. We have earned consideration from each other". Speaking to surprisingly sparse crowds in black areas of New Jersey, Mr Jackson has been emphasizing that his views were no different than most of President Franklin Roosevelt's.

Significantly, he has now stopped attacking Mr Dukakis as a "conservative", suggesting that the two men may have reached a private understanding on policy objectives.

Bulawayo tries to forget the era of brutality

From Jan Raath, Bulawayo

The horror of Matabeleland is, by all accounts, finished. The roadblocks around the city here, the capital of Matabeleland, are still manned but now only by one or two unarmed, uniformed policemen.

The offices in rural centres of the Police Internal Security Intelligence are closed. The force's acronym, Pisi, meaning hyena in the Ndebele tongue, proved singularly appropriate to their reputation for brutality.

The troops have been withdrawn to low-profile guard duties since December 22 when President Mugabe agreed to unity between his party and Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu).

The bars in tiny trading centres have been doing a roaring trade since then, the usually silent bush surrounding them reverberating to jive music by night.

Significantly, this return to normality preceded the amnesty for dissident guerrillas which ended on Tuesday night, and began with the

Alleged axeman sports his 'demob' suit in the beerhall

troop reduction after the signing of the unity accord.

"We haven't seen anything like this since 1983," said a senior Catholic Church official. "We pray that it lasts." On Tuesday, the last group of 12 *silambe*, the Ndebele nickname for guerrillas, meaning "the very hungry ones", handed themselves over to police, emerging from the caves of the Matopo hills, 20 miles south of Bulawayo.

The final count after midnight on Tuesday was 113. "The numbers are right," Mr Ernest Tsomondo, the Secretary for Home Affairs, told *The Times* yesterday. "If there are any more who come in late, the objectives of the amnesty will be in their favour. There are all sorts of reasons for being a little late."

It has been impossible to establish a firm figure of the cost of lives during the 5½-year insurgency. Government announcements in the national press of individual incidents since 1982 add up to 406 fatalities, but that is regarded as being far below the true figure.

Amnesty International and the American Lawyers' Commission for Human Rights both estimate that about 1,500 people, mostly civilians, were killed between 1983 and 1985, the period when security forces went on an often savage counter-insurgency operation that Zimbabwe's Catholic bishops described as a "reign of terror". The only reliable record kept is that of the whites who died, a total of 74 missionaries, miners, tourists, railwaymen – but mostly members of the 400-strong white farming community.

Gayigusu, "the beast of the bush", whose gang slaughtered 16 white missionaries and their families on November 26 last year, is in hospital in Gwanda just south of Bulawayo, recovering from minor surgery that has saved a gangrenous arm from amputation. He was wounded when he encountered unexpectedly determined resistance in an [illegible] on a Catholic mission on April 19, the day the amnesty was announced.

Tenson Ndlovu, the alleged axeman in the grisly December massacre, wears a new government-supplied suit that he sports in the beerhall near the Gwanda police station.

Naison Ndlovu, who haunted farmers in a 15-mile radius around the Figtree police station, 20 miles west of Bulawayo, has also turned himself in. Three of the other best-known dissidents who preyed on white farmers are dead.

But the security fences around the homesteads, the regular radio communication and alarm network, the militiamen who sit with their weapons in the back of farmers' pickup trucks, will remain for the time being, said Mr Ted Kirby, chairman of the Matabeleland branch of the white-dominated Commercial Farmers' Union.

"We welcome the efforts to bring about an end to the security problem," he said. "It does appear that the dissident forces were larger than the numbers given by the Government. But we hope eventually everything will be sorted out."

There is still a measure of uncertainty about 3,650 refugees from Matabeleland in the Dukwe camp in Botswana, some 30 miles from the border with Zimbabwe. In the early years of the war, Dukwe was known as the clandestine operational headquarters for guerrillas.

"As long as they are unwilling to return, there is cause for concern," Mr Kirby said. Mr Nkomo had them chanting "we are going home" when he addressed them there two weeks ago.

But since then only 370 refugees have registered for repatriation, according to the camp commandant, Mr Edison Madibela. Many of them have started a new life in the camp, Mr Tsomondo said.

"But they should not abuse Botswana's hospitality. Botswana now is entitled to review their refugee status. But they (Botswana and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) are being very correct in wanting a spirit of voluntary repatriation to prevail."

Bulawayo hopes to lose its reputation as a dying city

The rapid establishment of infrastructure in the form of new roads, clinics, dip tanks, schools and dams for Zimbabwe's peasant farming areas in the rest of Zimbabwe after independence has, as a result of the insurgency, bypassed Matabeleland.

Three large areas of prime ranching land lie ravaged by squatters after their white owners abandoned them. The palatial hotels at Victoria Falls in the north-west corner of Zimbabwe and one of the seven natural wonders of the world, are running at about a quarter of capacity because of the slump in tourism. Bulawayo is referred to as "a dying city".

"Now at last we have a chance," said a Bulawayo industrialist who asked not to be named.

"Matabeleland is beautiful and it can flower again. It's long overdue."



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EEC may now have to import food as surpluses run down

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The European Commission yesterday revealed that EEC measures drastically to reduce the food mountains by selling them cheaply on the world market were proving so effective that some EEC states might find themselves importing products previously held in overflowing cold stores.

Officials said new funds amounting to nearly £3 billion would be earmarked to underwrite further sales next year. This could put the EEC on collison course with the United States, which has accused Europe of subsidizing its farmers and then dumping unwanted surpluses. Officials said Washington had to understand that disposing of surpluses was a "one off operation".

"Once the food mountains have gone and the budget is in balance, the EEC will be able to reduce farm subsidies further," one source said.

But American sources said the US-European atmosphere over farm trade was deteriorating, and would be further damaged by EEC charges yesterday that Washington was paying American farmers only to leave 10 per cent of their land uncultivated under "set aside" schemes, instead of the promised 25 per cent.

Unveiling EEC spending plans for 1989, Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, said stocks of skimmed milk powder had plummeted from 789,000 tonnes a year ago to 40,000 tonnes at present. In April alone, 260,000 tonnes had been sold, Mr Christophersen said. Butter and cereals stocks were also down.

EEC officials said the policy of paying states the difference between the book value of food surpluses and the price they fetched on the world market — known as "stock depreciation" — meant the surpluses were relentlessly being whittled down. The EEC could afford higher sums for stock depreciation because of recent financial reforms, officials said.

The EEC launched a twin-pronged campaign two years ago, under British EEC chairmanship, to reduce the notorious food surpluses, both by cutting subsidies to farmers under the Common Agricultural Policy and by disposing of surplus stocks. The campaign, designed to rid the EEC of the albatross of overproduction, was given a further boost by the Brussels EEC summit in February, which agreed financial reforms pending the single European market in 1992.

EEC officials denied yesterday that the anti-surpluses campaign had gone too far. But they said stocks of milk and butter in some countries had dropped to zero, and could lead to temporary deficits. The commission yesterday cut milk subsidies further to ensure the surpluses did not pile up again.

Mr Christophersen expressed satisfaction at the resolution of the crisis over the 1988 budget, which was finally signed into law yesterday by Lord Plumb, President of the European Parliament.

Mr Christophersen said the Commission hoped budget procedures would be smoother from now on, and end the recurrent crises which have plagued the EEC for years.

EEC FOOD SURPLUSES

(Expressed in 1,000 tonnes)

	May 87	May 88
Butter	1.200	77
Milk	789	40
Beef	630	755
Cereals	11.800	9.100

He announced a proposed 1989 budget — which must now be debated by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers — of £33.6 billion, an increase of nearly £2 billion on last year.

Proposed 1989 farm spending stands at £20 billion, or just under two-thirds of the total, an increase on last year of £500 million.

Most of this is accounted for by funds for the further disposal of surpluses.

Paradoxically, EEC figures show that beef stocks have gone up, from 630,000 tonnes last year to 755,000 tonnes, despite significant sales to Brazil.

But sources said the increase was due to the slaughtering of dairy cattle to reduce milk and butter stocks, and was a "temporary phenomenon." Butter stocks, like milk surpluses, have slumped from 1.2 million tonnes in May 1987 to only 77,000 tonnes last month.

Cereals stocks have also fallen, from 11.8 million tonnes last year to 9.1 million tonnes, partly because of a lower than expected European harvest.

Apart from food stock disposal, the increase in the 1989 budget is accounted for by higher research funding and regional spending as agreed at the Brussels summit, and by preparations for 1992 under the Single European Act. Officials said this added spending would be offset by a 6 per cent increase in revenue under the Brussels summit reforms. The British budget rebate remains, but is set by the commission at £1.2 billion, compared with £1.7 billion last year.

The 1989 draft budget provides for development aid to the Third World of £360 million, an increase of more than £90 million on last year. EEC aid ministers this week declared that aid to sub-Saharan African states would in future be linked to economic reforms in the recipient states.

Mr Christopher Patten, the Minister for Overseas Development, said this would lead to "sustainable economic development" in Africa, and could enable Britain to agree to the unfreezing of £56 million worth of aid to Ethiopia.

The Commission also announced research funding worth £42 million over the next two years to boost the European aviation industry to enable it to compete with the United States.

Herr Karl Heinz Narjes, the Commissioner for Industry, said this would be followed by further injections of cash after 1990.

He said the Airbus consortium would benefit, but denied that this amounted to further unfair subsidies of the kind which have angered Washington in the past.

European industry and technology could only survive through cross-frontier cooperation and research.



President Duarte, centre, with his wife, far left, and helped by Vice-President Castillo Claramount, walking to his US-bound plane in San Salvador.

Defiant Duarte denies cancer reports

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

President Duarte of El Salvador has entered the Walter Reed Military Hospital here to undergo medical tests for what he has described as a bleeding stomach ulcer.

Unconfirmed press reports in El Salvador said that he may be suffering from stomach cancer, but he told reporters at San Salvador Airport before flying to Washington on Tuesday that he was suffering from a 2½ in bleeding ulcer in his stomach.

President Duarte, aged 62, then told reporters, Cabinet ministers, legislators and diplomats at the airport that the doctors were reserving their diagnosis until the tests were conducted.

Señor Duarte, who was elected president in 1984, compared his ailment to previous struggles he had faced in his life as a politician. He observed that he was a man of crisis, a man of battle and struggle, and had fought against dictatorship to establish democracy.

Now God had given him this additional test. He would fight and, God willing, come out all right.

Under Salvadorean law, Señor Duarte cannot seek re-election as president. He is set to leave office on June 1 next year. During his absence, Vice-President Rodolfo Castillo Claramont will stand in for him.

Señor Duarte is a staunch ally of the US, and also popular among both Democrats and Republicans in Congress here. Since he came to power in 1980, his country has received about $3 billion (£1.63 billion) in US military and economic aid to fight the Marxist-led insurgency and often-violent far-right.

● **SAN SALVADOR:** A split in El Salvador's ruling Christian Democrats, paralysing Señor Duarte's Government, has prompted US officials to intervene directly in favour of one of the party's two possible candidates for next year's presidential election (Our Correspondents write).

The US move has provoked widespread anti-American sentiment in the party, which for eight years has been widely identified with the Reagan Administration's policy in the region. The Christian Democrats are deeply divided over their present presidential candidate for next year's election, Señor Julio Ray Prendes, who won the nomination at a party congress last April. His main opponent, Señor Fidel Chávez Mena, a former Foreign Minister strongly supported by President Duarte, accused the Ray Prendes faction of stage-managing the congress.

The US Embassy, which makes no secret of its preference for Señor Chávez, describing him as a close friend of America, has bluntly told his opponent to stand down. Señor Ray Prendes took great exception to this, accusing the Americans of "blatant interference in the party's democratic process" and of bribing party officials to change sides in the bitter power struggle.

While *The Times* correspondents were waiting to interview Señor Ray Prendes at his home in San Salvador, the Christian Democratic candidate became embroiled in a heated exchange with the US political attaché, Mr Charles Chapiro. "I am very upset with the Americans. They are asking me to stand down in favour of a yes-man," he said after shouting at Mr Chapiro that he would not succumb to American pressure.

"The US Embassy is against me because I want closer ties with Latin America and less dependence on the US." Only Israel receives more US aid per capita than El Salvador.

Miami — Negotiators said after two days of talks that Guatemala may be ready to drop its territorial claim to the former British colony of Belize in return for access to Belizean ports and British help in creating a rail link to the Caribbean (Alan Tomlinson writes). There are 2,000 British troops in Belize because Guatemala refused to recognize it after independence in 1981.

Señor Chávez, boosted by the support of the US Embassy, recently staged his own convention, where he was adopted as a Christian Democratic candidate for the presidential elections next year. The dispute has been taken to the country's Central Electoral Council, which will decide on who can stand as the official candidate. Although the body is dominated by the Christian Democrats, the National Republican Alliance is also represented.

The alliance is expected to vote for Señor Ray Prendes, who has said he will not run for the presidency without the official backing of his party, in the hope that Señor Chávez will run as an independent Christian Democrat.

Arena, recently led by Major Roberto D'Aubuisson — closely linked with death squads — controls the National Assembly after the defection of a National Conciliation Party member. Arena, which last week formally endorsed Señor Alfredo Cristiani as its presidential candidate, is expected to gain most from the Christian Democratic infighting. Western officials are privately resigned to the far right forming the next government. One diplomat said: "As long as that son of a bitch D'Aubuisson is not the presidential candidate, we can live with an Arena victory."

Political manoeuvring in Pakistan

Zia proves shrewd operator as opposition is caught out

By Karan Thapar

The joke in Pakistan during Miss Benazir Bhutto's wedding in December was that the announcement of her pregnancy would be President Zia's cue for calling elections.

A fortnight ago Miss Bhutto confirmed the rumours that she was expecting her first child. This Sunday the President dismissed his Government, dissolved the National Assembly and announced that new elections would be held.

The chronology is suggestive, but it is probably a coincidence. After all President Zia, perhaps the wiliest political strategist on the subcontinent, is a master of timing. As a general he appreciates the element of surprise.

Yet his decision to dismiss the Junejo Government and dissolve the Assembly — as opposed to its timing — could have been foreseen. The general has said he acted because of the deteriorating law and order situation, rising corruption and the Government's failure to pursue the policies of Islamization. All of that is true. But, in presenting these as reasons for his decision he is, perhaps, being disingenuous.

The lawlessness in Sind predates the civilian regime and was a product of the policies General Zia pursued before he inducted his now dismissed government; the Army, which the general still heads, is perhaps the single biggest source of corruption; and there is no mass constituency demanding overt Islamization.

What, perhaps, lies behind Sunday's announcement is the general's growing disenchantment with the manner in which his carefully chosen civilian politicians appeared to be challenging his authority or that of the Army.

The 1985 non-party Assembly and the Junejo Government were intended as civilian but junior partners in a system of power-sharing with the military. The Constitution which General Zia proclaimed gave him power to appoint and dismiss the Prime Minister and dissolve Parliament, while leaving the daily administration to the civilian Cabinet.

But the puppets increasingly seemed at odds with the puppeteer. Mr Junejo was anxious for a quick settlement over Afghanistan and did not share the President's commitment the Mujahidin.

The civilians were also reluctant to swallow the tough austerity measures recommended by the World Bank and said to be supported by the general.

Mr Junejo, as Defence Minister, increasingly appeared to assert his views without due regard to General Zia's position as Chief of Staff or the Army's specific interests. A recent political inquiry into last month's arms depot explosion blamed the Army of negligence, in contrast to a military investigation which deemed it an accident. And, as economic pressures built up before the Budget scheduled for next week, the civilian Cabinet was considering a proposal to trim defence spending in a desperate bid to curb expenditure.

Perhaps such clashes were inevitable. Like all elected politicians Mr Junejo's Cabinet was guided by short-term interests. After 11 years in power and with hopes for another five after 1990, General Zia was accustomed to a longer perspective.

It's probable that neither Mr Junejo nor his Cabinet actually intended to oppose General Zia's authority or that of the Army. For the most part they accepted their allotted subserviant role. It was just that to establish their credibility they were required to overstep their limits.

By the time he acted General Zia's displeasure was well known. Yet he chose his moment with care. For almost a year the opposition has been in disarray. Miss Benazir Bhutto's People's Party is split over policy changes and morale is poor. At the November local bodies election it fared badly. Miss Bhutto, in fact, was out of the country during the last two crucial months. The rest of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy is dormant.

It failed to make any impact during the critical Afghan peace talks or take any recognisable position over the aftermath of the arms dump explosion. The shrewd general would also have drawn confidence from the knowledge that the Junejo Government had failed to win popularity.

Yet, most importantly, General Zia also chose his time to carefully show the world who really calls the shots. Ironically, the dismissal corroborated the point long made by critics that the democracy introduced in 1985 was a mere facade for the Army's continuing power. This same acute sense of timing will determine exactly when the general holds the new elections he has promised. Despite recent scepticism of his constitutional commitment to hold the polls within 90 days, there could be good reason for his sticking to such a schedule.

A summer election with temperatures above 100 would preclude the long and emotive campaigning the Army distrusts. It would deny the opposition the time it needs to prepare. It would also catch Miss Benazir Bhutto at a disadvantage.

The real question is: has the General found a new set of compliant civilian politicians he wants to place on the presently empty seat of power? The retention of Mr Nawaj Sharif as the Chief Minister of Punjab, Pakistan's biggest province which provides up to 70 per cent of the Army, suggests the answer is yes. But a date for the elections is only likely to be fixed once he has.

President Najibullah's struggle for survival

Kabul intrigues delay new ruling body

From Michael Hamlyn
Kabul

Fierce political infighting is said to be delaying the announcement of a more broadly based "coalition" Government in Afghanistan.

A new Council of Ministers should have been read on television last Sunday, according to East European diplomats. Now, according to officials of the Government's information centre, no announcement can be expected before Saturday.

Before the hold-up, observers here were expecting that the ruling Communist party, the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, would reduce the number of ministerial seats it held to fewer than half the total.

It looked as though the remaining posts would go to members of smaller parties, or to non-party figures like Dr Hassan Sharq, the new Prime Minister, or they might be left open for opposition figures.

It was suggested, for example, that Mr Abdul Wakil, the Foreign Minister, would be technically demoted to deputy, and his job left open for a Mujahidin leader if one could be enticed to fill it.

But Mr Wakil, who is in Havana for a non-aligned meeting, is said to have fought vigorously against this plan. A Foreign Ministry official made it clear yesterday that Mr Wakil expects to stay in place.

In the key Ministry of Defence, the present minister was also expected to be down-graded, and his post offered to someone like Ahmed Shah Massoud, the charismatic commander of the Jamiati-Islami rebels in the Panjshir valley.

Another suggestion was that Lieutenant-General Shahnawaz Tannai, the Army Chief of Staff, might take over. But General Tannai is a member of the Khalq faction of the ruling party, and his appointment is said to have been fiercely resisted by the Parchami faction. The Parchamis, the urban intellectual wing of the party, are in power at present, but are heavily dependant on Russian support.

The Khalqis, who tend to be the rural radicals, control many key army posts, and especially the paramilitary police force, the Tsarandoi. They come under the direct control of General Sayid Muhammad Gulabzoi, the Interior Minister.

Gen Gulabzoi, the leading Khalqi in the Government, was also expected to be promoted away from direct control of the Interior Ministry, but is said to have vehemently resisted this move, which would have separated him from his powerbase.

The Khalqis have been kept to a low profile until recently, but President Najibullah has relied a good deal on the support of Gen Gulabzoi, and the Khalqis have become more resilient, and more demanding. They have, for example, been able to demand and get the relase from from jail of 17 former Khalqi ministers, including Mr Shah Wali, the former Foreign Minister.

More surprisingly, they have been able to engineer the return from exile in Outer Mongolia of Assadullah Sarwari, the hated former secret service chief who was personally responsible for the torture of Mr Sultan Ali Keshtmand, who has just resigned as Prime Minister.

With their tails up, and the prospect of increased power and influence once the Russians withdraw, the Khalqis are evidently demanding a greater role in the Government for themselves.

The policy of Dr Najibullah and his Russian mentors is therefore thought by Western observers to be taking something of a beating.

The government changes will almost certainly have to be announced by Saturday, because that is when Dr Najibullah is leaving the country to attend a United Nations meeting in New York. He has cancelled a visit he was then due to make to Prague, reportedly on the advice of the Russians, who felt it would be inadvisable — both politically and militarily — for him to be out of the country too long.

On the military front, Western diplomats suggest that a series of military defeats could seriously damage Dr Najibullah's ability to hold on to power. They suggest that a series of key tests will be faced as the Russians pull out. Will his forces be able to hold the towns of Jalalabad, Kandahar, Ghazni and Gardez, the diplomats ask. The loss of any of these would make his political position extremely difficult.

The threat to Jalalabad seems to have abated, as the deadline set by the Mujahidin for it to fall has passed without noticeable effort on their part. And the road is secure.

In Kandahar, the Afghans have largely been responsible for the defence of the town, while the Russians have taken charge of the airport and the 17-mile road to it.

Defence of the town has gone badly, with one of the three incoming roads already cut, and, according to a Pakistani diplomat, every second house in the town being in ruins.

The Pakistanis maintain a consulate in Kandahar, although one of the diplomats there lost his legs in a rocket attack last month. When the Russians finally leave it, Western diplomats feel Kandahar will not long be able to stand a siege.

● **ROME:** President Najibullah has pardoned Fausto Biloslavo, a jailed Italian journalist who could be released today, the Foreign Ministry said (Reuter reports). Signor Biloslavo had been sentenced to 11 years' jail in March on charges of spying and illegally entering Afghanistan.



Manpower: A Mujahidin guerrilla carrying shells.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Shoot on sight Colombo order

Colombo — Sri Lankan security forces have been given orders to shoot on sight anyone inciting unrest, after railway carriages were burnt, buses and government offices set on fire, and a number of violent incidents were reported in three provinces where elections are to be held over the next nine days (Vijitha Yapa writes). The Government announced the shoot-on-sight policy on state radio.

Shops in the main business area of Colombo closed early yesterday as rumours spread of curfews and violence by the Sinhala extremist group, the People's Liberation Front (JVP), who are opposed to the provincial council elections.

Train carriages at Negombo were burnt, and an explosion at Kalutara on the southern coast damaged a train. In the south a number of government offices, including those of assistant government agents, were set alight. The Government is taking no chances in today's poll and has deployed security forces to guard polling booths for the first time in the island's history.

Khomeini critics held

Three Iranian critics of Ayatollah Khomeini have been arrested in Tehran (Hazhir Teimourian writes). They were arrested on Tuesday in dawn raids on their homes and their party, the Liberal Freedom Movement, the country's only opposition grouping which has not been outlawed, fears that their arrest may indicate the end of the road for it.

The arrested men are Dr Ali Ardalan, a former Finance Minister in the provisional Government of Mr Mehdi Bazargan after the 1979 revolution, Mr Mohammad Tavassoli, a former mayor of Tehran, and Mr Husain Shah-Husaini, a former deputy Prime Minister. All three elderly men have long records of struggle for a liberal democracy.

Yugoslav deadline

Belgrade — The Yugoslav communist leadership was given six months in which to ensure the completion of reforms deregulating the economy and streamlining the party, at the end of a three-day conference (Dessa Trevisan writes).

The conference, called amid growing labour tensions and a steep rise in the cost of living after the liberalization of price controls, was intended to clear the way for the Government to implement an austerity programme, the immediate consequences of which are bound to be unpopular, demanding new sacrifices after standards of living have fallen for seven consecutive years.

Sithole puzzle closed

Harare — Thirteen years after he vanished, Dr Edson Sithole, the prominent Rhodesian black nationalist, was pronounced dead yesterday, killed "in the course of Rhodesian opcrations against freedom fighters" (Jan Raath writes). The Presumption of Death order closes one of the most bitter controversies of the Rhodesian era, and will allow his relatives to claim considerable pension benefits in the likely event of him being declared "a national hero".

Dr Sithole, aged 40 when he disappeared, and a close friend of President Mugabe, was last seen in the capital late on the night of October 15, 1975. The Rhodesian Government denied repeated accusations that it had ordered his abduction and subsequent secret execution.

Blast traps miners

Bonn — Nearly 60 West German miners were trapped underground yesterday after an explosion at a coal mine in Borken, north Hesse, 100 miles east of Cologne (John England writes). Rescue workers recovered another eight seriously injured men who were reported to have been hurt by flying debris on the surface. Officials at the Stolzenbach pit, one of West Germany's last brown coal (lignite) mines, said radio contact had been established with the 56 trapped men, at a depth of about 300ft, some five hours after the midday blast. Details of their condition were not given.

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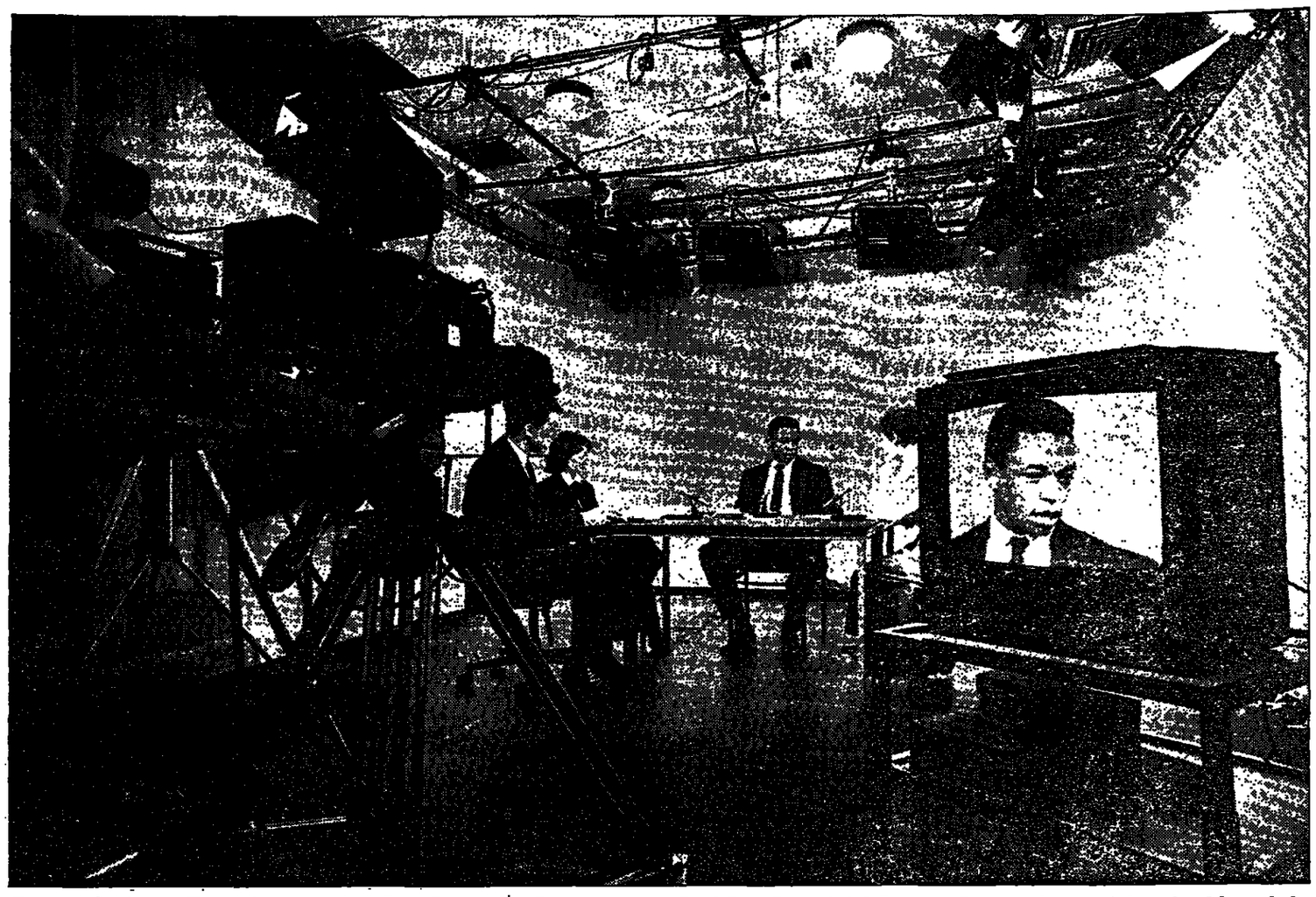
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The bull market for business

NICK ROGERS



Screen test: Andrew Al-Hassan demostrates interview techniques for video cameras at the South Bank Polytechnic in London. Afterwards the tape can be replayed for analysis

● Business studies are booming in universities and polytechnics
● Last year more candidates chose the subject than the total preferring all the modern languages, including English
● Now even the academically aloof dons of Oxford may bow to the pressure for change

Part Four: Raising dividends

Marina Valbuena chewed her lip nervously under the beady eye of the video camera. One of the panel of interviewers looked up appraisingly from her *curriculum vitae* and asked: "Do you meet your deadlines at college?"

This was one she could answer with a clear conscience. As the questioning continued, her confidence visibly rose and the video recorded a model job interview.

Marina, a second-year undergraduate in the business studies course at the South Bank Polytechnic, London, was followed into the hot seat by Andrew Al-Hassan. He has moved from his home in Cambridge to lodgings in the Old Kent Road to study the same course, which was accorded almost rapturous praise by Her Majesty's Inspectorate.

But these job interviews were not what they seemed. After their turn in the hot seat, students on the South Bank course adjourn to another room with their interrogators, who are in fact their teachers. They watch the whole interview on tape and analyse how their techniques might be polished before they confront real potential employers when looking for jobs for their third year on the course, when placement in work is a compulsory feature.

Marina, who is 20 and comes from Purley, and Andrew, 22, whose family came from Ghana six years ago, have already got jobs in public relations and sales, and only submitted to the South Bank routine again to demonstrate its methods to us.

In spite of its forbidding 1970s *main block*, with its windowless, bare brick corridors, like a setting for an old prison movie, the South Bank Poly has to turn applicants away in hordes from its four-year "thick sandwich" business studies course. Many are people who left school without qualifications and look around now for opportunities to repair the omission. "We are overwhelmed with demand," says Nina Tiagi, course director. "The sense of being in a growth area is a stimulating factor for everybody — there is a buzz about the place."

Business studies courses are the most oversubscribed in the country. Last year more than 6,000 applicants were chasing 1,700 places. More university candidates for admission to British universities last year opted for business and administration than the total preferring all modern languages, including English.

In the universities only 2 per cent of all undergraduates are in this sector as yet, though in the polys the level is more than four times as high. But most universities have now introduced undergraduate courses in business studies, and some schools are growing with headlong speed: Warwick University's, for instance, has virtually doubled in size in five years. The separate management colleges such as Henley and Ashridge, which offer graduate courses on a commercial basis, are also thriving. Business studies are a natural jumping-off point for the commercial careers which are seen more and more widely as the surest route to high earnings.

Starting salaries in commerce now run 50 per cent higher than those in reputable industrial firms, and after 18 months the gap can widen to 100 per cent. Understandably, the proportion of all graduates opting for commerce rose last year to a record 19 per cent.

In spite of all these signs of enthusiasm, a sense still lingers in the academic world that business studies at the undergraduate level are not quite respectable. Oxford, Cambridge, and London have hitherto held aloof. "I regard business as educationally suspect because it is not a discipline," says *Professor Anthony O'Hear, of the* Department of English at Bradford University (where the courses in business and management are highly rated). "It does not have much to do with the disinterested pursuit of knowledge, which I see as the function of a university. The syllabus is an agglomeration of several disciplines, and the student may not get an adequate academic grounding in any of them. The departments tend to be so large, and so closely linked to industry, that they threaten to be a Trojan horse inside the university.

"Some of the skills involved are chimerical, and some the student would be better off learning in a business environment. There is a need for training in these areas, but I think there is a strong case for doing it on a privatized basis, not in universities."

At the South Bank, such misgivings *are seen as unduly rarefied.* "Universities are a lot more hung up about academic rigour, but our course is a far better grounding than many university courses for someone wanting to go into business," says Robin John, joint acting head of business studies. "Our first year is highly disciplined in the academic sense, and the final year, with students matured by a year's placement in industry, is very rigorous."

The new climate of financial stringency has concentrated dons minds forcibly on the potential that business studies provide for fashionable, and lucrative, contacts with industry. Warwick has set up post-graduate courses exclusively for *high-fliers* from a group of local companies. Cambridge bowed to the trend last year by introducing a business tripos.

Even Oxford is on the point of succumbing. In March a committee under Sir Claus Moser, Warden of Wadham College, called for the university's rather desultory involvement in business studies to be geared up urgently into something more high powered.

He rejects the charge that the pressure of fashion influenced the committee's conclusions, though it is clear that such pressures helped to impel the university to set it up. "We intentionally set ourselves into a cynical mode so as not to be affected by the bandwagon effect. But we were very cheered to find how much enthusiasm there was from a whole range of subjects for the kind of thing we have proposed.

"I share the misgivings about the academic status of business studies, and you'll see our reservations fairly politely spelt out in the report. We haven't gone the traditional American way — which is going out of favour even there in universities — of an undergraduate degree in management studies as such. We asked ourselves what Oxford has especially to contribute in this field.

"A lot of existing undergraduate courses link beautifully with a business component which might take not more than nine months or a year. Management would link up with economics, psychology and many others — even medicine: I see it, too, as a first step in changing the whole emphasis of this ridiculous British system where the student is rushed through *O level, A level and a* degree while he is still quite immature, and then it all stops. The business world is not going to release its best people for a whole year, so I should like to see part-timers being graduated alongside full-time students, which would be revolutionary for Oxford."

Mixing and matching of subjects *according to individual need,* and the return of mature students, are things which are already up and running in the polytechnics. There is an exhilaration which business studies can generate at their best which seems to be percolating even to Oxford.

George Hill

TOMORROW

Are these the happiest days of your life?

A to Z CAMBRIDGE

Continuing our guide to Cambridge colleges from yesterday . . . New Hall to Trinity Hall.

Inquiries: Administrative Secretary, Intercollegiate Applications Office, Kellet Lodge, Tennis Court Road. Applicants can either apply to individual *colleges or submit an open* application to central office. Cambridge CB2 1QJ (0223 333308).

Student views are taken from the Alternative Prospectuses

NEW HALL

Undergraduates: 277.
Description: All women, founded 1954. Well-equipped computer room, squash court and active women's group.
Student view: "Emphasis on individuality and self-discovery. Accommodation cheap and adequate. Strong subjects include Archeology and Anthropology, English, Modern Languages, History."

NEWNHAM

Undergraduates: 390.
Description: Founded for women in 1871. Multi-gym, music rooms, and sports fields. Good library.
Student view: "Friendly and cosmopolitan. Strengths in Languages, History and Economics."
Famous graduates: Margaret Drabble, Germaine Greer.

PEMBROKE

Undergraduates: 350.
Description: Founded in 1347. Lovely gardens. Music, theatre and sports.
Student view: "Relaxed. Academic standards improving. Sports good, no particular subject biases."
Famous graduates: William Pitt, Ted Hughes.

PETERHOUSE

Undergraduates: 215.
Description: Founded 1284. New library and theatre. First admitted women three years ago.
Student view: "All rooms a reasonable size. Facilities basic. Strong on History, Engineering, Natural Sciences, Law, Mathematics, and English."
Famous graduate: Sir Frank Whittle.

QUEEN'S

Undergraduates: 410.
Description: 15th Century. Friendly and relaxed. New multi-gym, squash courts and a modern boathouse.
Student view: "Good cross-section. Subject strengths: Engineering, Modern Languages, Maths, and Natural Sciences."
Famous graduate: Gilbert Harding.

ROBINSON

Undergraduates: 390.
Description: Opened to undergraduates in 1980. Redbrick. Well-stocked library, fully-equipped auditorium.
Student view: "Accommodation among the very best. No subject bias."

ST CATHARINE'S

Undergraduates: 372.
Description: Founded 1473. Active music and drama societies, new library.
Student view: "Friendly. Accommodation generally good. Academic specialities vary."
Famous graduates: Lord Soper, Sir Peter Hall.

ST JOHN'S

Undergraduates: 527.
Description: Founded 1511. Bridge of Sighs a landmark. Famous choir, science park.
Student view: "Excellent but slightly over-priced accommodation. Superb sports facilities. Subject strengths: Archaeology and Anthropology, Economics, Classics, Natural Sciences and Medicine."
Famous graduate: William Wordsworth.

SELWYN

Undergraduates: 336.
Description: Founded 1882. Redbrick Gothic. Round-the-clock computer access.
Student view: "Friendly. Good reputation in History and Theology."
Famous graduate: Malcolm Muggeridge.

SIDNEY SUSSEX

Undergraduates: 303.
Description: Founded 1596. Music rooms, squash court, croquet lawn.
Student view: "Friendly, unpretentious. Sports facilities excellent. Strong subjects are Classics, Economics, Engineering, Geography, Law."
Famous graduates: Oliver Cromwell, David Owen.

TRINITY

Undergraduates: 643.
Description: Largest college, founded 1546. Computer room, science park, renowned boat club.
Student view: "Generally excellent. Rooms good, rents low. Academic strengths include Maths and Natural Sciences."
Famous graduates: Byron, Bertrand Russell.

TRINITY HALL

Undergraduates: 307.
Description: Founded 1350. Small, friendly, noted for music, drama, boating.
Student view: "Academically excellent. Traditionally the law college, other subjects do well."
Famous graduates: Dr Robert Runcie, Sir Geoffrey Howe.

A to Z CARDIFF to CITY UNIVERSITY

CARDIFF

PO Box 78, Cardiff CF1 1XL (0222 874000). Inquiries: Admissions Officer.
Location: All the academic buildings are situated in the attractive Civic Centre around Cathays Park in Cardiff. It is not a true campus but the individual departments are all within easy reach of each other. The Halls of Residence are scattered around the city.
History: The University College of Cardiff and UWIST (the University Institute of Science and Technology) are due to merge on August 1, 1988. This new University of Wales College of Cardiff will become the largest of the six colleges in the federal University of Wales.
Undergraduates: 6,720 (M/F 1:1)
Main areas of study: Business Studies and Law, Engineering, English; among the most popular courses are Architecture, Biochemistry, Ophthalmic Optics, Pharmacy, Accountancy and Economics. Length of degree courses: three years for most Honours degrees but certain subjects are four or even five years.
Special features: With the merger will come a new £24 million building complex for the Faculty of Engineering and Environmental Design. The new college will also have the largest academic library in Wales apart from the National Library.
Social life: All first-years can live in college either in traditional halls of residence, self-catering flats or purpose-built houses. There is provision for students who wish to be accommodated with Welsh-speaking colleagues. Drama and music societies are thriving and the combined sporting facilities of the two colleges offer an impressive range of activities including tennis, netball and badminton courts, a weights room and rugby, football and hockey pitches. There are also hang-gliding, surfing and caving clubs.
Student view: "The Student's Union offers modern facilities including a very popular night-club, two other bars, varied entertainments, an advice centre, and a shop and travel office. Cultural, sporting and political interests catered for. University accommodation satisfactory and usually plentiful."
Famous graduates: Neil Kinnock, Philip Madoc, Sir Ronald Mason, Sir David Phillips, Sian Phillips.
Open days: To be arranged with individual Faculties and Departments.

CITY UNIVERSITY

Northampton Square, London EC1V OHB (01-253 4399). Inquiries: School Liaison Officer.
Location: The City University is in central London close to the financial and business institutions of the City itself. The main buildings border a Georgian square, others lie between the Angel, Old Street and Barbican tube stations.
History: Founded as Northampton Polytechnic in 1896 and awarded university status in 1966.
Undergraduates: 2,290 (M/F 7:3).
Main areas of study: Engineering, Social Science and Humanities, Business and Management, Optometry. Most popular courses are Business Studies, Banking and International Finance, Economics and Accountancy. Reflecting its close links with the City, the University offers some unusual courses like Management and Systems, and Banking and International Finance. Length of degree course: between three and five years depending on subject.
Special features: City University pioneered the sandwich course to allow students to gain work practice, and has one of the best employment records for its graduates in the country. Many students have sponsorships.
Social life: First-years are guaranteed accommodation in college-owned halls of residence, which are very close to the main buildings. Many third-year students can also live in; but accommodation in London is inevitably hard to find or others. Students here work very hard and social life can be fragmented.
The SU is active and runs discos and film shows; all the facilities of the Barbican Centre are only 15 minutes away. The playing fields are good but are situated south of the river.
Student view: "City graduates are in great demand, with the highest employment rate of any university in the country. The price you have to pay for getting a City University degree is the cost of living in London. University accommodation may not be the plushest way to live in London but it does give you the opportunity to meet people you would never otherwise come across."
Famous graduate: Michael Fish.
Open days: Visitors welcome by appointment.

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Tomorrow:
Dundee to Keele

Guide to the Dublin 'troubles'

artfile



SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

This week: a look at the Irish art world

There is nothing more "Irish" than the Irish art world, judging from a visit to Dublin last weekend. It is full of colourful personalities and contradictions which would seem comic if they did not also represent a nation failing to embrace and use its culture. This month Homan Potterton, for eight years the director of the National Gallery, resigns in disenchantment at lack of government support. Artfile has compiled a dramatis personae of the Dublin scene.

The General: Martin Cahill, unemployed Bob Hoskins lookalike, who obscures his face with his hand or his anorak hood when he emerges from his council-estate home. He is also an Irish folk hero, to whom the public attributes a number of daredevil acts — most remarkable of which, as there appears to be no evidence whatsoever — is the theft two years ago of 11 paintings (including works by Vermeer and Goya) from Russborough House, the home of Sir Alfred Beit. Cahill brushes it all off as baloney. Now, he is locked in a psychological war with the Gardai, who have him under 24-hour surveillance. Last October the Gardai attempted a "sting" at a location in the Wicklow Hills. The Russborough paintings were shown to a man from Interpol, but his radio signals failed and the ploy collapsed.

The Colonel: Michael O'Shea, retired army officer and curator at Russborough, now charged with stealing marble statues valued at £90,000, the property of the Alfred Beit Foundation. Case comes up in Dublin on July 11.

The Director: Homan Potterton, quixotic, wry head of the National Gallery from 1980 until the end of this month. "Two-thirds of the National Gallery is closed to the public and the conditions here are appalling. We have neither the money nor the will to maintain treasures". Frustrations include the failure, despite an eight-year campaign, to correct the positioning of the National Gallery on Dublin tourist maps (it appears in three different places, but never where it should be). Most serious of all, he has failed to persuade the authorities to introduce even the most primitive of export laws.

The Knight: full title, the Knight of Glin, a sturdy, plum-spoken gentleman who is one of the remaining handful of ancient Irish peers. As Christie's representative in Ireland, his job is to winkle out and sell the country's antiques. But, presenting himself also as the champion of the heritage cause, he is something of a contradiction. Together, he and Potterton explained the system's anomalies:

To take any art or antiques out of Ireland, you must have an export licence. But export applications cannot be refused, and so, as Potterton says, "there is no point in having them". To bring antiques *into* the country you must pay a 23 per cent VAT surcharge. But there is no such charge if you take them out. There is thus an incentive to export. Of £40 million sales of fine art in Ireland, 70 per cent goes abroad.

The Benefactor: Gerdon Lambert, an elegant retired Jacobs biscuit magnate and Ireland's sole serious collector of contemporary art. He is currently in the process of donating the lot as the basis of a museum of modern art. Unfortunately for those who think all modern art is rubbish, the collection concentrates on some of its more unconvincing manifestations. It includes a number of Irish works, such as at least three portraits of Lambert by Bobby Ballagh, and stops dead with the arrival of the 1980s.

The Conservationist: John ("Just think of the Moulin Rouge") Redmill, Jolly architect and stalwart of the Irish Georgian society, dedicated to saving Dublin's decayed but genteel streets. But last weekend, he was nowhere to be seen. According to reports he was with members of the society on a Rolls-Royce tour of the country houses of Yorkshire.

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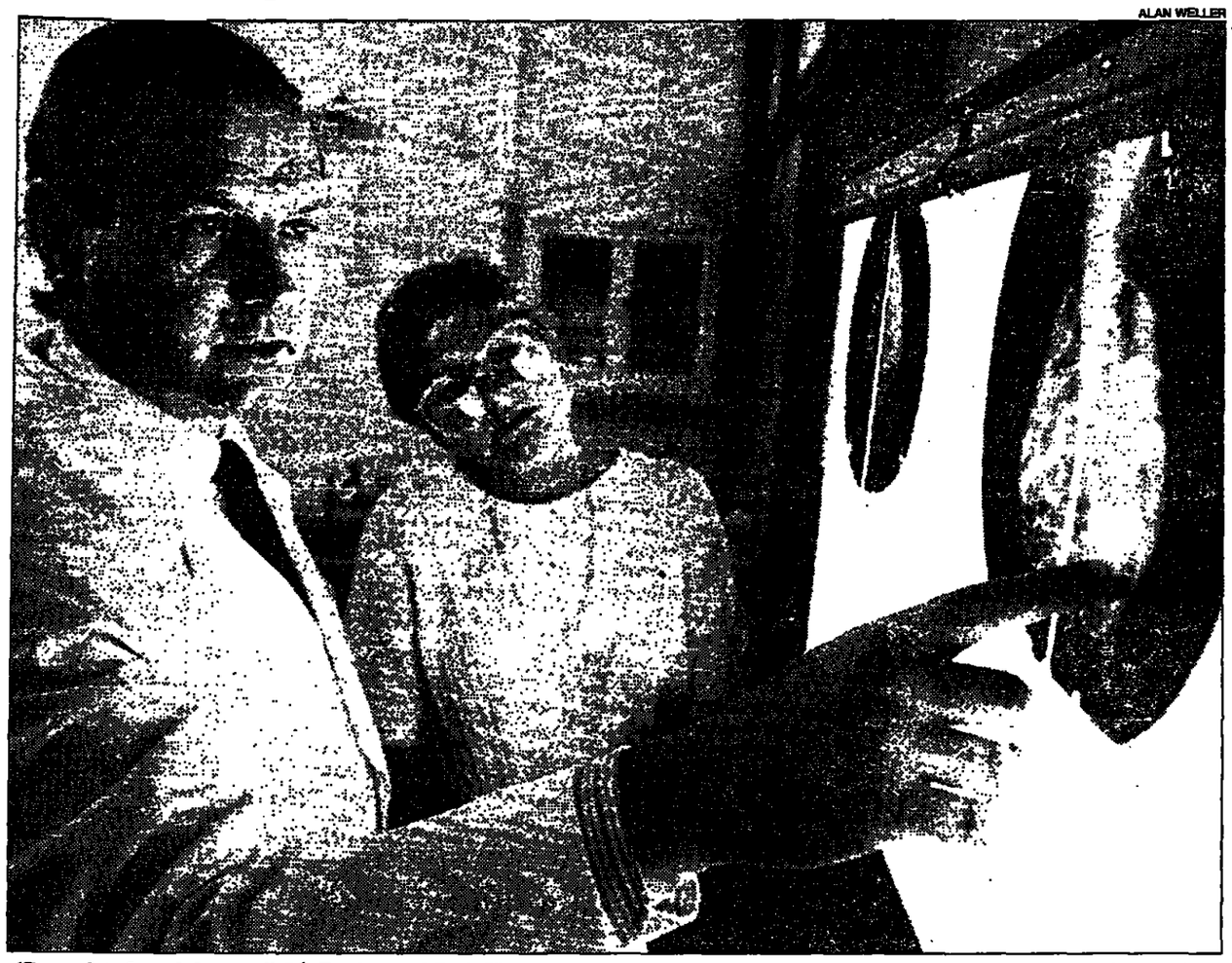
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HEALTH

Checking the check-ups

Private health screenings are now big business, but who keeps tabs on the clinics? Victoria McKee investigates

ALAN WELLER



"I see a lot of worried women": Ian Fentiman, of Guy's Hospital, says delays and anxiety can result if a clean bill of health is not forthcoming

Private health screening centres are springing up from Harley Street to Halifax, offering "check-ups" that are the human equivalent of an MOT. *But who is* checking up on the clinics? They are not accountable to any body, and no one even knows how many there are.

Nursing homes require a licence from the DHSS, but anyone can set up a screening clinic. Most patients come only for reassurance, so may be more than happy to be sent away with a pat on the back, a few diet sheets and an admonition to stop smoking. And as with MOTs, there are reputable centres and there are charlatans.

Problems can arise, as highlighted in *The Lancet* by Ian Fentiman, *deputy director of the Imperial* Cancer Research Fund's breast cancer unit at Guy's Hospital, London. When a clean bill of health is not forthcoming, the referral system for treatment becomes confused, with no clear line of responsibility.

Fentiman created "Mrs Lewis" – a composite of cases he sees every week – to illustrate the kind of delays and anxiety which may occur. The fictional patient endured three weeks of anguish after an abnormal mammogram at a private clinic, followed by confusion and delays in referral. By the time it was diagnosed as a simple cyst, and dealt with on the spot, she was an emotional wreck.

"I was trying to make the case of Mrs Lewis very reasonable, so there *was no exaggeration,*" Fentiman says. "I see a lot of very worried women, and they've made a deep impression. We want to reduce the psychological burden on screened women."

Bupa offers cut-price screening packages (£38 for a cervical smear and pelvic examination for women, which is available only every five years on the NHS; or £65 for a breast examination including mammography, to become available shortly to the over-fifties only on the NHS) and men may take a "heart risk assessment" for £76, instead of several hundred pounds for a full screening.

Dr Pat Last, director of women's screening for Bupa's 22 centres, agrees that Fentiman has pinpointed a problem, but says it is not *limited to the private sector.* "It's exactly the same in the NHS: people are terrified there as well. They may not be notified if their cervical smear is *slightly* abnormal, but we will follow up such slight abnormalities."

Critics of the private screening clinics worry, however, that they can do more harm than good if unchecked. Some go so far as to accuse them of pandering to paranoia and cultivating a climate of fear.

Dr Ann McPherson, a GP who sits on the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's cervical screening committee, asserts: "Computers that analyse diet, obscure blood tests – with the exception of cholesterol testing – and mammography for the under-fifties are *not necessary. It is outrageous that these* clinics are blossoming without licensing, when they're out basically to make money and offer a lot of tests, which aren't really worth much, just to look as if they're doing something."

Fentiman agrees. "Just because mammography has proved to be effective in saving lives of older women is no indication that it is effective for younger ones." There are 50 false positives for every 1,000 women screened so, according to Pat Last of Bupa, "it's important that people understand the odds – *and the options – before they go for* screening".

Ultrasound is also offered by some clinics to probe the ovaries, but most doctors still seem to feel that this method offers too high a percentage of false positives. (Out of 5,540 women surveyed, 316 were shown to have an ovarian abnormality by ultrasound but only eight of these proved cancerous on investigation, leaving 308 women who had been worried, and submitted to surgical exploration, unnecessarily.)

"Many of the letters of referral I receive from GPs are slightly tetchy because they feel their role has been usurped," Fentiman says. "GPs are the strength of our health system: the patient, selecting tests from the glossiest brochure, is a recipe for disaster."

But while Last, like Fentiman, condemns the "cowboy" clinics that nobody is willing to name, she believes that "*some GPs are just* jealous".

At Bupa's centres around the country, a complete health assessment for a woman, including "well woman" and consultation is £253, or £227 for Bupa members and members of the Institute of Directors. Mammography is offered to those over 40.

"Until recently we had to refer patients back to their GP for onward referral, as Mr Fentiman describes," Last says. "But now it is becoming accepted that it is up to the primary screening unit to arrange their own referral systems."

It is ironic that Harriet Harman, the shadow health minister, returned from the United States with the message that Americans are *longing for a National Health* Service, just as the American habit of private check-ups is catching on in Britain. Joe Jordan, the Birmingham consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist who has been a pioneer in colposcopy and laser treatment of the cervix, argues that private clinics fill gaps left by the NHS programme – while defending the necessities for those gaps.

"Maybe the cost of giving annual smear tests would be the cost of your total heart screening programme; it's a compromise, as with housekeeping," he says.

The Independent Hospitals Association, of which Bupa, PPP, AMI and the Nuffield hospitals are members, is preparing a code of practice for private screening clinics, and the Association of Independent Pathology Laboratories has been trying to introduce an accreditation system for laboratories.

"We recognize the growing public concern about the matter," says Tony Byrne, chief executive of the IHA. "There are about 150 clinics that I'm aware of, but the margin for error, of course, is great because nobody keeps a register." The IHA is developing a symbol for IHA-accredited screening centre/cytology laboratories, which it hopes to have in use, together with its code of practice, by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, Jordan suggests that it is worth checking if the screenings are carried out by a member of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, which keeps a check on its members.

"Also I would want to know who owned the clinic, and whether it was a charity, like Bupa, or profit-making – and for what purpose? Not that there's anything wrong with running at a profit, but time weeds out the good from the bad. If they've been around for a long time the chances are they're fairly reputable. And I personally feel that referrals should go back through the GP, which is an additional safeguard."

Fentiman advises only going to a clinic recommended by your GP, and finding out all you can about it. "Don't be fooled by lines like: 'There are Harley Street specialists associated with this clinic'," he warns. "And you should ask, before you embark on the screening, what will happen if there is some abnormality."

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A preventable epidemic

One evening 30 years ago my senior partner was less than his usual cheerful self when he came into the surgery; he explained that the small boy who lived in the nearby cottages, a firm favourite of all of us, had just died from measles. Although depressed, he still accepted that the occasional death from measles was inevitable. Antibiotics for the treatment of many of the complications of the disease have *reduced its mortality but have* little influence on the initial stages when the symptoms are due to the virus rather than any secondary infection.

Despite modern treatment, the complications of measles which can cause long-term damage to a child's physical and mental health are innumerable; serious complications occur once in every 20 cases and a death once in every 5,000. Writing in *Pulse,* Dr Harvey Marcovitch, lecturer in medicine at Oxford University, reiterates the warning given by the DHSS that unless parents have their children vaccinated promptly there is going to be a serious epidemic this year. He anticipates 150,000 cases in 1988.

Although most parents think blindness is the most likely serious complication of measles, it is rare. Chest infections, including pneumonia and bronchitis, are probably the most common complications and some leave the lungs permanently damaged. The brain is also frequently affected: one in 20 children with measles have fits, one in 1,000 encephalitis. There is one nasty form of encephalitis, *sub-acute sclerosing* panencephalitis, which erodes the child's intellect, leaving him a hopeless mental wreck.

Measles is preventable, there is an effective and acceptable vaccine against it which should be given at 15 months, but in Britain only 60 per cent of children are *immunized, compared with 99.8* per cent in America. The vaccine very occasionally causes a febrile convulsion in children already prone to them, and can cause a severe allergic reaction in one who is hypersensitive to eggs or to antibiotics neomycin and polymyxin. Children who are immuno suppressed, including those on steroids, should not have the vaccine.

Hint of mint

Old-fashioned remedies for flatulence invariably smelt and tasted of peppermint. The patient's faith in their efficacy was immense but trendy doctors tended to regard the mixture with scepticism, even though scientific work had long shown peppermint oil relaxed the smooth muscle of the gut. More recently, research on the irritable bowel syndrome has demonstrated that peppermints or menthol (the standard preparation of peppermint oil contains 50 per cent menthol) have a marked effect on spasms and are useful in treating lower abdominal colic and abdominal distension. A review in The Lancet *considers the pharmacological qualities of peppermint, for as well as relaxing the gut it should, as a calcium antagonist, theoretically have an effect on the heart. This has now been confirmed in experimental animal studies and has been noted in two cases in which human patients so overdosed themselves with peppermint that enough reached the bloodstream to cause fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat. Peppermint oil is now usually prescribed in capsular form, Colpermin. One or two capsules are taken three times a day for at least three months.*

Thrush to flight

A third of adult women harbour *Candida albicans,* the yeast organism which can cause a monilial, or thrush, infection of the vagina and vulva. Many do not suffer the inflammation and irritating discharge which are its hallmarks, but a symptomatic *woman will often infect her* partner or induce in him an allergic skin reaction to the yeast. Women who are prone to thrush take endless and often fruitless pains to rid themselves of it; they wash with unscented soap, change their nylon underclothes for cotton, change the pill and the IUD (for the incidence of thrush is markedly increased in patients with an IUD) for a diaphragm, and follow a strict diet. And yet thrush recurs. Specific treatment with pessaries, tablets, creams (shared with their partners) and mouth washes help for a time. The *Journal of Genito-Urinary Medicine* has carried a report of a simple regime which its originator, Dr Jean Tobin of St Mary's Hospital, Portman, claimed keeps the trouble at bay so long as it is continued. She advises patients suffering from recurrent thrush to use a 100mg miconazole (Gyno-Daktarin) pessary daily for a week, twice a week for three months, and once a week thereafter. The success rate was not altered by giving any additional treatment to the male partner, who is incidentally treated by his partner's dissolving pessary.

On the nail



Elderly patients and fit young men returning from the tropics often have one thing in common: fungal infections of the nails. These infections of the nail-bed distort and thicken the nails. Not only do they look unsightly but in extreme cases where the feet are involved they can cause marked lameness. The present, standard, treatment is with very long courses of griseofulvin (Grisovin or Fulcin) tablets by mouth. These cause nausea and occasionally giddiness. Pfizers, the pharmaceutical company, has introduced a new treatment, Trosyl nail solution, which after being painted on the nails penetrates through into the *nail-bed where the infection* lurks. The solution, applied twice daily, attacks all the usual funguses and yeasts which afflict patients.

Slip, Slop, Slap in the sun wars

Pursuit of a suntan kills 1,000 Australians a year with skin cancer. Now the fight is on to alter attitudes

Present Australians with a problem and they will tackle it with a slogan. In the case of the skin cancer prevention programme, it is "Slip, Slop, Slap" – slip on a shirt, slop on some cream and slap on a hat. The campaign aims to reduce the largest incidence of skin cancer in the world by modifying behaviour.

Unfortunately, although everyone recognizes the slogan, launched in 1981, market research shows behaviour modification has been modest. Australians like their tans, even though two out of three get skin cancer when they need not, and it kills 1,000 a year.

"The only bronzed Aussies should be statues," declares the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, which is fighting an uphill battle to take the glamour out of tanning.

It was Victoria, with the best-funded and most innovative of the country's state cancer councils, which first suggested they all join forces for an annual nationwide Skin Cancer Awareness Week. Each year it aims at a different target. In 1985 it was early detection; in 1986, skin cancer in the workplace. Last year's message, "Kids Cook Quick", was directed at parents and carers of children under five. "Is your child old enough for the sun?" it inquired.

"It's the single most important point we can make," says Dr Robin Marks, the Victoria council's director of programmes – "protect the children." Exposure to too much sun in childhood is known to be a major risk factor in the development of melanoma, which strikes 3,000 Australians a year.

"We say you don't have to put the baby out for sun kicks. That's a hangover from England where there isn't much sun. We say a tan is no protection, that even if a child doesn't burn he is still at risk. The only people born in this country who aren't at risk are black people."

That campaign has had some effect. There was a noticeable falling-off in the number of very badly burnt babies requiring treatment last summer. "We don't want to sound like wowsers [puritans]," says Marks. "We're not saying don't go out. We're saying this is a beautiful country. This is how to enjoy it and survive."

By staying out of the sun between 11am and 3pm, you can reduce your exposure by 60 per cent. "Slip Under A Tree Between Eleven And Three," says the Anti-Cancer Council. Since there isn't much chance of that in the country's notoriously treeless school playgrounds, the council launched a "Pick Up A Spade And Plant Some Shade" campaign in March. Even if its results will take time to show, one in five schools has already taken part in it; at the same time, the council has been able to push its hat-wearing policy for teachers as well as children. It is also trying to encourage schools to schedule sports periods for the early morning or late afternoon.

If it had any sense Australia would take a siesta, but its largely Anglo-Irish population has never acknowledged the fact that the sun is as strong in Melbourne as it is in southern Spain, Turkey and India. Most Australians work in offices all week and lie around pools and on beaches all weekend, ignoring the fact that intermittent exposure is as dangerous as over-exposure in childhood.

Even if they do not get melanoma, which accounts for 80 per cent of skin cancer deaths, 140,000 Australians are treated for non-melanomic cancers each year, with more cases occurring among 30 to 40-year-olds, the post-war babies who were the first generation to go hatless as fashion dictated.

Fighting fashion is a large part of the cancer councils' battle. This year, adolescents are their target group. If they cannot deglamorize a tan, they hope, at least, to encourage teenagers to use screens and wear hats to prevent burning.

Perhaps Australians can take comfort from the fact that most skin cancers are not lethal, and that even the worst are curable with early detection. If the cancer councils are disappointed in the reluctance of the community to change its life-threatening habits, they do take comfort from the success they are having with early detection.

Much of their campaign has been directed towards recognition of anything that needs to be checked. "We're not in the business of encouraging self-diagnosis," Marks says. "But we do provide information about the sorts of things which a doctor should look at, and we encourage people not to be embarrassed because they think it's minor."

He is hopeful they will win *the battle against fashion.* Already, he observes, fashion magazines are aware that too *much sun causes wrinkles.* As an information officer for the council said: "A skin is like a chicken. Once it's cooked it's cooked. After that it burns." That is not a slogan yet, but it may well become one.

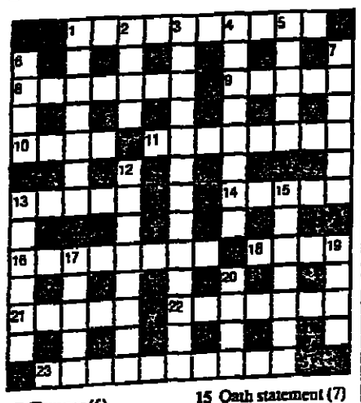
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'You don't have to put the baby out for sun kicks. That's a hangover from England where there isn't much sun'

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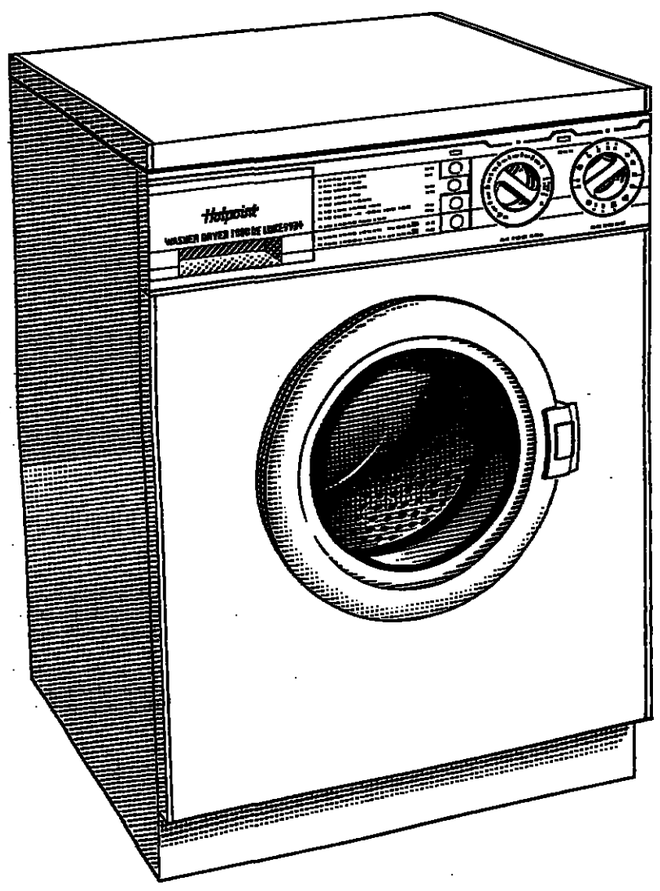
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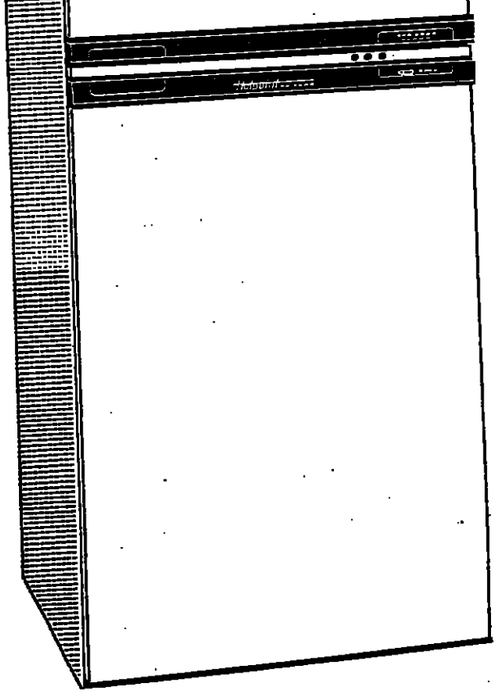
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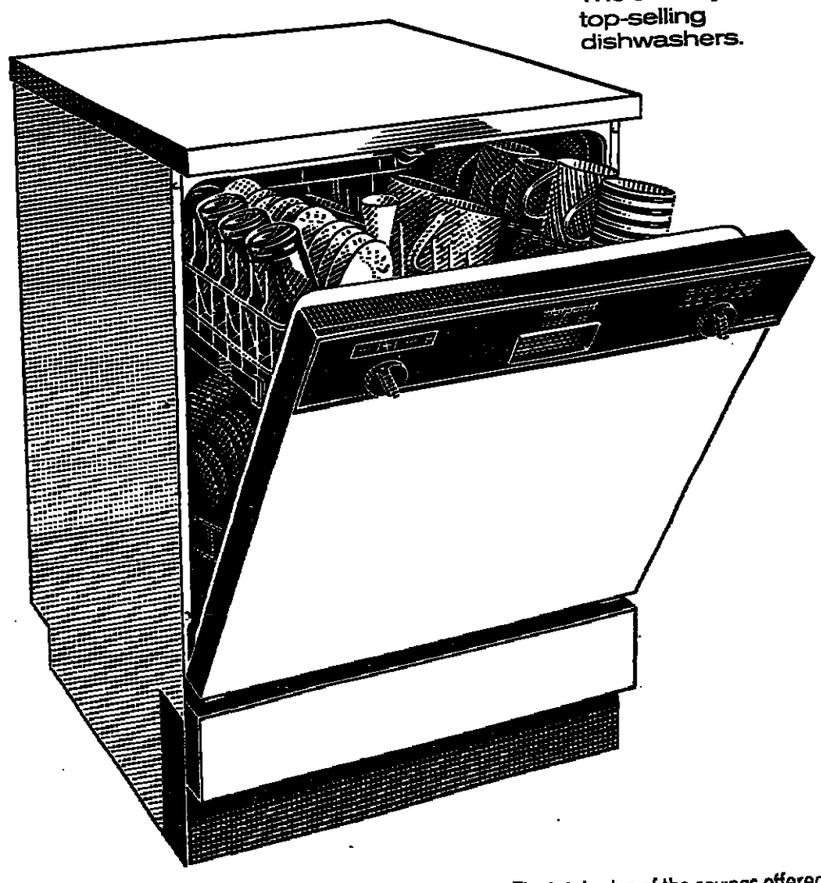
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TIMES DIARY

SIMON CALLOW

Last week was the birthday of a close friend: her 40th. Something specific to the year of her birth seemed to be called for, as she was being so frank about it. Alcohol, I thought, and set off to Harrods (inspired by their telegraphic address, Everything London) to get it. Sure enough, there it was, an excellent 1948 Armagnac, and it gave great delight, though, as my friend observed, drinking something as old as oneself feels like a kind of liquid cannibalism.

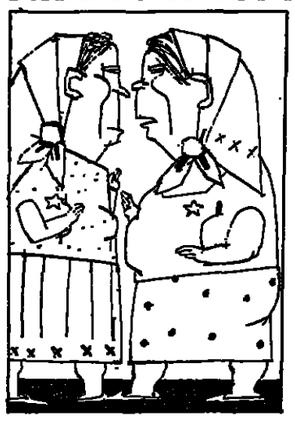
I was amazed, though, at the changes that have overtaken Harrods since I used to run the shoe repair counter there. I have scarcely been back since that heady summer 20-odd years ago, but when I have – and last week was no exception – I still feel a thrill of fear as I enter the main doors, because in *my* day, that was grounds for instant dismissal.

Employees were bound, then, by a set of *rules that make Versailles at its rigid height* look like a free-for-all. We were not allowed to talk to one another except on matters of business. We were forbidden to cross the department floor: we had to go round the edges. Nor were we allowed to use the stairs or the lifts: we had our own staircases, concealed from public view.

It was a matter of absolute faith that the customer was always right. Once, seated at my shoe repair counter, I was approached by the unmistakable form of Telly Savalas, Kojak himself. "Got any shoe horns?" he growled. "Certainly," I said, and produced a selection. He picked one of them up. "Alloominum," he said, correctly, and crunched it *in his powerful fist*. He then threw it down and walked out. No one, not the buyer, none of the senior sales staff, and certainly not me, uttered a word of reproach.

There was, too, a steady stream of elderly gentlemen, up from the country, who brought with them shoes which they had bought some 40 years before, and which they required to be re-soled, re-heeled, restructured, in effect re-made, for 39s 10d. This was done without demur. We had a shoe factory of our own on the top floor, next to the stationery factory. On the ground floor there was even a zoo, to which I used to repair – round the edge of the department, of course, and down the staff stairs – to gaze at the bear cubs and pythons, whose lives seemed scarcely less confined than those of the employees. Today, it is unrecognizable, a stylish bazaar, where assistants freely discuss the weather with each other, politely but firmly indicate if a customer may have slightly got hold of the wrong end of the stick, and swagger across the department floor as if crossing their own front rooms. *I'm sure it's all to the good, but* it makes me edgy. Don't they realize they'll get the chop if they carry on like this? But of course they won't. *O tempora, O mores.*

BARRY FANTONI



'Glasnost, what glasnost? Let's talk about Calvin Klein'

One of the interesting and significant developments in theatre in the Eighties has been the proliferation of benefit galas. Hardly a week goes by without a performance in aid of some cause or another: principally, in these dark days, for an Aids-related charity. These benefit performances are not to be confused with those galas organized by professional gala-givers, who hire the theatre for a sum and make sure *that the advertisers* who take space in the programme cover the costs. Those events do make money, but the feeling is very different from the sort of show, put on at midnight or midday, in *which everyone, the actors, the ushers, the* box office staff, the theatre owners, donate their services in a spontaneous gesture of compassion.

The latest such event has been inspired by that fumbling piece of legislation, Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill. To raise money for the possible victims of the clause, an extraordinary group of artists – Simon Rattle, Dame Judi Dench, Mike Gambon and many others across the spectrum of the *performing arts* – are appearing at the Piccadilly theatre this Sunday. The event has been largely inspired and organized by Ian McKellen. It was his cheeky notion to call the show *Promoting Homosexuality* (echoing the ambiguous phrasing of the clause itself) but the intention behind the show is not polemical; it simply represents the anxiety of a large number of performers about a piece of law that affects us all.

There aren't many jokes about Goethe, and I thought the management of the Lyric Hammersmith had annexed them all for its T-shirt campaign (Goethe Blazes being the most unashamed). But a friend drew my attention to a joke of Dave Allen's about an Englishman and an Irishman after a job on a building site.

Foreman: Here's a little test (taking Englishman aside). What's the difference between a joist and a girder? **Englishman:** Easy. A girder is a beam made of iron – a joist is a beam made of wood. **Foreman:** Good (taking Irishman aside): Now what's the difference etc? **Irishman:** Easy. Joist wrote *Ulysses* and Girder wrote *Faust*.

The joke reminded me of a perfectly genuine inquiry I once received when working in the box office of the National Theatre. "Could I," a man asked, "have tickets for *Hedda Girder*?" "Would that," I replied *with the speed* – and cheek – of youth, "be the sequel to *The Master Builder*?" He didn't follow.

There are a lot of jokes in the box office. One that used to crack me up completely was when people asked for *two tickets for Three Sisters*. Silly, I know.

Michael Howard assesses the outcome of the Moscow summit

Troops now the key issue

President Reagan has seized the headlines by denouncing sin in the very heart of the "evil empire". It has been a brilliant performance, and none the worse for being directed to his domestic audience.

He sees his role, quite rightly, as being not just head of the American state but the representative of the American people; and he is doing exactly what he believes, again quite rightly, the American people want him to do. He will return to an ovation, which he will have thoroughly deserved, from all parts of the American political spectrum. *He is truly a very* remarkable man, and his place in history is certainly assured.

European reactions will be more mixed. Our own experiences of American presidents telling us how to run our countries – Roosevelt's lectures to Churchill, for example, about how to handle the hideously complex problems of India – may give us a sneaking sympathy for the unfortunate Gorbachov. We are conscious of the extent to which the political and social system over which Mr Reagan *himself* presides can be seen as one where chaotic permissiveness and neglect may have led to as much misery for whole sections of society as has the despotic intolerance of the Soviet Union. We have learned the hard way that peace involves the acceptance of cultural diversity and contemplate without pleasure a succession of summits where the participants spend their time denouncing each other's shortcomings.

We can welcome therefore the dignity with which Gorbachov has accepted Reagan's rebukes, and his reluctance to reply in kind. In so far as the president's representations will have eased the situation of the refuseniks and the oppressed minorities, they are heartily to be applauded. But again one can sympathize with Gorbachov's clearly implied belief that that is not what summits ought to be about. These are close encounters between the leaders of the two states which between them have the capacity to destroy the world but which have learnt the hard way over the past 40 years that neither has the capacity to control it.

The Soviet Union is incapable of making its writ run in Afghanistan, as is the United States in Panama. Yet they continue to build up huge arsenals, not only dangerous in themselves but involving a massive diversion of resources, which have no utility except to *hold each other in check. This is* the predicament which the leaders of the two superpowers should be meeting to discuss and if possible to resolve; not the inadequacies of each other's societies. And it is by their progress towards solving that predicament that the success of the summit must be judged.

The danger is, as ever, to expect immediate and spectacular results. Diplomatic successes such as treaties or arms control agreements can come about only as the result of a long process of *mutual exploration and growing* understanding. Sometimes an agreement *not* to conclude a treaty may be more significant of intelligent and friendly shared understanding than the signature of some vapid statement of "shared aims" which will be subject to constant misinterpretation.

The important activities in Moscow are those which have gone on in private between the leaders and their senior officials, and the establishment of clear areas of disagreement are as important as the discovery of points of common accord. Much will have been achieved if Gorbachov has clarified Soviet policy in the Middle East, the Gulf, Central America and Southern Africa – all those poisonous regions into which great powers get sucked by their clients, and where local crises threaten to escalate into global confrontation. It is to keep such trouble spots under constant high-level surveillance that fre*quent summits have one major* utility.

As for arms control, here least of all should we expect spectacular results. It is an excellent thing that the INF Treaty should have been signed and ratified. Covering an entirely discrete class of weapons of marginal importance to the security either of the superpowers or *(pace* General Rogers) their allies, the agreement will provide a testing ground for those complex procedures of inspection and verification which must be seen to work before we can go on to agree over deeper cuts. By the same token, it is an excellent thing that the Start Treaty should *not* be signed: the unsolved problems are simply too great.

The sensible recognition that this is the case, instead of the mutual recriminations that previously attended the stalling of arms-control discussions, in itself shows what a long way we have come over the past five years. As for the Strategic Defence Initiative, nobody would expect President Reagan to give way over the programme and nobody would expect the Soviet Union to stop trying at least to cut it down to a scale where it could plausibly compete. The problem can be resolved, if at all, *only* by President Reagan's successor.

There remains one gap, however, of primary importance to Europeans: conventional arms-control, especially in Europe. While appreciating *American* concern about the overall strategic balance, it is the 20 Soviet divisions held in Eastern Europe, equipped and trained for a massive *offensive*, which worry even those who are temperamentally most inclined to give the Soviet Union the benefit of the doubt. As Frank Carlucci stated on this page yesterday, Soviet talk of a defensive strategy is not yet reflected in their deployment. Again, any change must be expected to take time.

But the day when convincing evidence is produced *that* the Soviet forces in Eastern Europe are armed and deployed purely for defensive purposes will be that when we start to take *Moscow's peaceful* intentions really seriously. Harsh as it may seem, this must have a higher priority in our eyes than any relaxation of restrictions on the emigration of Soviet Jewish citizens. But if both can be achieved, so much the better.

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A time for straight talking

New York

Surely the United States is the only country in the world, and San Francisco the only city in that country, which could think up the idea of a male voice choir consisting entirely of homosexuals, 16 per cent of whom are suffering from Aids. Certainly America is the only country in which, when San Francisco had pioneered this curious artistic phenomenon, it would be copied so enthusiastically that there are now dozens of cities with such unisex musical groups, including New York.

It was a good many years ago now that San Francisco became the homosexual (or at any rate male homosexual) capital of the US; after a time, their number was *so substantial that the* politicians of the city were obliged to take account of a significant voting bloc. Why San Francisco? I have always believed that its well-deserved reputation as the most tolerant city in the country drew to its hilly streets many who had experienced rejection and discrimination because of their sexual orientation, particularly those who had "come out".

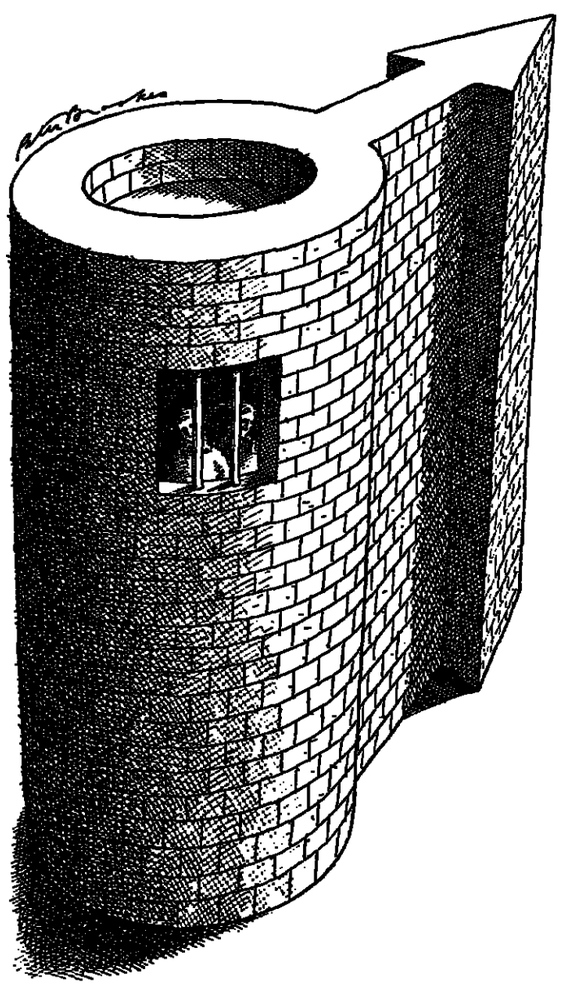
It is said that God is not mocked; probably not, but the devil certainly isn't, for it was in tolerant San Francisco that the infected scythe mowed down the first substantial numbers, and it is mowing them down still. The work of the Gay Men's Chorus is only one of the ways in which the beleaguered army keep up their spirits; many of the singers had found a sense of unity in the choir long before Aids struck. And their spirits, in some cases, need a great deal of keeping up; one of the group, a tenor, has worked to lower his pitch to baritone level because the Aids cancers in his throat make him unable to sing his usual music. Another member put it succinctly, saying: "Before I joined the chorus, my whole outlook on *being gay was going to bars; now* there are people who mean more to me than sexual attraction. We're friends."

I take that quotation from a remarkable article in the *New York Times* by Jane Gross. And I call it remarkable because I am measuring it against British standards of comment on homosexuals. When Paul Johnson can write of "screaming perverts," and Constable Anderton speak of homosexuals "swirling around in a human cesspit of their own making", we are in real danger of altogether dehumanizing the image of homosexuality; in my own lifetime uncountable – literally uncountable – millions have been first dehumanized and then done to death as unpersons, whether classified as enemies of the state in the Soviet Union, or race-polluting Jews in Nazi Germany. (Where, incidentally, homosexuals were *savagely persecuted; many of* them died in the concentration camps, branded with a grisly parody of the Jewish yellow star in the form of a pink triangle.)

I do not suppose that homosexuals in Britain are in danger of pogroms. But I am not here making a plea for more consideration for homosexuals; I am making comparisons between British and American attitudes, and when I make them I find that the British ones are wanting.

Jane Gross's article does not judge, *let* alone condemn, nor does it patronize or gush; it *describes*, holding fast as it does so to the belief that charity never *faileth. But what is* much more extraordinary is the tone adopted by New York's two daily tabloid papers, the *Daily News* and the *New York Post. The Post reported the conclu*sions of a panel set up by the president to study the question of adoption; the panel declared that although race should not be taken into account in adoption decisions, homosexuals should be barred from adopting.

Meanwhile, there was a move afoot for the establishment of homosexual "marriages", on which the *Daily News* commented. (There are practical reasons, on top of emotional



ones, for this idea; in certain *circumstances and professions,* American spouses can obtain a variety of benefits, such as health insurance, and a group of teachers who argue for homosexual marriage are suing the Board of Education for discriminating against them in denying them the financial advantages that married couples automatically *have.*)

Never mind what you think of such proposals; what I want to draw to your attention is that both the *Post's* presentation of the report that came down against homosexual couples adopting children ("We feel that the American public is not ready to give, and we are not ready to give, support for homosexual adoption"), and the editorial in the *Daily News* arguing against homosexual marriage ("Unmarried *heterosexual* couples could then claim entitlement . . ."), were couched in generous and decent tones. There was none of the coarse jeering that would accompany such reports in the tabloids of Britain, none of the odious cartoons that decorate such stories, none of the brutal headlines that mingle prurience with contempt.

America is widely thought of as much more straitlaced than Britain, at least by those who do not confine their soundings to the East and West coasts. Certainly, there has been much cruel rejection of American sufferers from Aids. Yet I note here an almost complete absence of the tittering about homosexuality that is so prevalent in Britain. The tittering, I believe, is part of *the dreadful infantilism of the* British when it comes to anything concerning sexual matters, and represents, as most tittering does, nervousness.

Oddly enough, there is a precedent in Britain for homosexual adoption. Some years ago a lesbian couple were allowed to adopt a child; one of the two women was very well known publicly, but the confidentiality that surrounds the procedure of adoption ensured that the *secret de Polichinelle* never got into the headlines. The relationship between the two women was stable and serious; even so, the judge who ruled in their favour must have been an exceptionally wise and far-seeing man. (But no one who knew anything about the ménage of Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears doubted that homosexual relationships could be as close, full and enduring as any marriage, at any rate a childless one.) I think, though, that it would be inconceivable today for any homosexual couple to be allowed to adopt a child, so far has the clock been turned back.

It is unlikely to go forward again in Britain until a cure or a vaccine for Aids has been found, and the fire has burned itself out; *that will not be for many years,* even if the magic pill is found tomorrow. But must we really continue with our refusal to come to terms with the very fact of homosexuality? After all, the number of Aids cases in Britain is proportionately almost invisible when compared to the thousands in America; besides, if Aids had never been heard of, we would still, as a nation, display all the lack of comprehension or empathy that has again and again driven homosexuals to despair and indeed suicide.

For a start, we could be less fond of the word *they*. Literally, of course, homosexuals are "*they*", *when* heterosexuals are discussing them. But "they" has come to mean very much more than merely classification. "They", in *truth, are fully as varied, in their* habits, nature, behaviour, character and tastes, as are "we", but our theying inevitably leads us to feel not only that they are different from us but that they are inferior to us.

It ought to be possible for even the dimmest of homophobic Tory MPs (Dame Elaine Kellett-*Bowman, I presume) to notice,* even if it takes a supreme and exhausting effort, that apart from the fact of their sexual nature, there is no reason to believe that homosexuals have any more in common than heterosexuals have.

When you come to think of it, it really is very odd that that one *distinction has been turned into* a kind of Morton's Fork, on the prongs of which homosexuals are to writhe for ever, proclaiming in vain that they should not, and in fact cannot, be defined by the only thing they all share. Somebody once said, in a more terrible time than this, that a society can be judged by the way it treats its Jews. It is high time that Britain began to treat its homosexuals at least as well as America does.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Poor thinking

The argument about Mrs *Thatcher's excursus into the* religious background of her politics rumbles on with most of the arguments from the political left and the leftish clergy missing the point. This was that the attacks on Mrs Thatcher from a so-called Christian position had reached such a pitch that, had she left them uncontested, it could be taken as implicitly accepting the premise that her view of practical politics is incompatible with Christianity.

So she set about explaining why she believes her politics are compatible in practical terms with her religion. In this she is no different from Mr Kinnock who also doubtless regards his politics as justifiable on whatever basic philosophical or religious principles motivate his conscience.

Mr Kinnock, however, cannot recognize the truth in Mrs Thatcher's conviction that restoring a greater degree of active individual responsibility is vital for a healthy society. His rage against her and the fulminations of some clergy are symptoms of the final struggle for survival of *the orthodoxy of the Sixties and* Seventies which held it as an article of faith that the only significant and reliable measure of unselfishness in society was the extent of state provision and state management.

It was an intolerant orthodoxy held as vehemently by those calling themselves liberals and radicals as by declared socialists. To question its assumptions was to court contempt and ridicule. The onward march was supposed to be towards more, not less, state "guidance". Planning *and controls would produce* prosperity, and then distribute *and allocate essential services to the great majority of people,* leaving only the frills to be supplied from their own pockets. The result was the growing culture of dependency.

There has since been an intellectual revolution, and not only in England. In China they have rediscovered the market; in Russia they are gingerly approaching the market and democratization. In France the Communist Party is dead and a so-called Socialist president has been re-elected because he is in no real sense a socialist.

Not least, the British Labour Party feels obliged to go clumsily through the motions of grafting some of the ideas of the market and individual responsibility on to socialist dogma in order to win power. Even Mr Tony Benn, the challenger to Mr Kinnock's Labour leadership, has felt obliged to declare against the "statism" of central planning which Labour was "compelled" to adopt by post-war conditions under Attlee and which he now says bore "not a little resemblance to Stalinism". Though he would substitute "party democ*racy" (the caucus rule from* which Mr Gorbachov seeks escape) for statist-Stalinism he at least sees a case to be answered.

All this new thinking has happened because the hegemony of the monopolistic state as a provider-of-all-that-matters has proved to be either inefficient and unproductive, or corrupt, or both. Tested by the criterion of the people's well-being in both democratic and authoritarian conditions, it has been pronounced a failure.

The fundamental difference *between the two rival philos*ophies on state power and individual responsibility lies in *their contrasting views of human* nature. Mrs Thatcher's is the more optimistic about human beings' willingness to do individual good given a bit more freedom. The left and also, it seems, the clergy, are more pessimistic. They do not trust human nature to use more economic freedom for good ends. The clergy may be encouraged to this opinion because it has now largely ceased to preach any absolutes to guide individual moral conduct.

The doctrine of original sin may provide a certain justification for the pessimism. Yet the custodians of authority are themselves fallible human beings who, having achieved greater power than any individual enjoys, can be corrupted by it. To question the dominance and manner of state provision and to encourage individual responsibility is not, however, to exclude collective action.

The collectives of the family, the workplace and the nation all express the importance of human mutual obligation, which includes the obligation of society *to provide for the poor.* The questions that should be asked are how it is to be done, the circumstances in which some state provision creates dependency and even poverty, and how to escape from that vicious cycle. The argument should be about defining the categories of the poor and poverty; and about whom the state should help and how. Mr Kinnock would be better employed in addressing these questions open-mindedly than in tasteless abuse of Mrs Thatcher. I hope to define the *questions to be asked more* closely in a future article.

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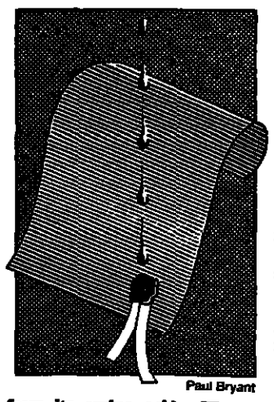
Protein potential

A US patent announced yesterday by Oxford University will set exacting new standards for biochemists involved in the characterization of some human proteins with therapeutic potential. It also heralds a new battle in the fight to profit from sales of tissue plasminogen activator (TPA), a new drug to treat heart attacks.

The patent is the first to be awarded for TPA in the United States and is unique among patents for proteins in that it specifies the exact sugar groups attached to the protein's amino-acid backbone. Not all proteins carry sugar groups but for any that do the precise sugars can be important for both the natural function of the glycoprotein and its therapeutic properties.

The broadest claim in the new patent is for human TPA derived from human cells, grown in culture. Further claims describe in detail the sugars on the two forms of TPA produced. One of these acts quickly in the bloodstream to break down a blood clot, the other acts more slowly. TPA is a natural activator of a system that dissolves blood clots. It converts plasminogen into plasmin, an enzyme that breaks down the fibrin network of a clot.

The patent is based on the premise that glycoproteins, such as TPA, exist in several different forms, differing in physiological activity according to the type, number and position of the sugars added after the protein is assembled



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from its amino acids. There may be several different "glycoforms" of a protein within the same tissue.

Previous patent claims for proteins with potential use as medicine have taken no account of the existence and functional differences of glycoforms. The Monsanto pharmaceutical company supported the Oxford research led by Dr Raymond Dwek, leading to the patent. Monsanto will license the Oxford patent.

The Oxford Glycobiology Unit has concentrated on developing analytical techniques for establishing which sugars are attached to particular glycoforms, and the array of glycoforms of which any glycoprotein is composed. This can be a formidable task because of the bewildering array of sugars.

TPA purified from different types of human cells has been found to be composed of very different glycoforms. Since the sugars also influence the biological properties of glycoproteins, TPA from different cells may have distinct therapeutic potential.

One effect that sugars can have is to alter the survival time of a glycoprotein in the bloodstream, an important factor in therapy.

Biotechnology companies are working on methods of modifying TPA to increase its retention in the bloodstream, so as to help prevent clots from reforming after a heart attack has been stopped.

Monsanto has plans to market a form of TPA under development by Invitron, its subsidiary biotechnology company, but Invitron and Monsanto are being sued by the Californian biotechnology company Genentech for theft of trade secrets. Genentech received approval to market TPA as a drug at the end of last year but has no US patents and is in the midst of a dispute over the validity of its UK patents on TPA produced by genetic engineering.

Issuing a University of Oxford patent will not prevent the US Patent Office from issuing further, perhaps even broader, patents covering TPA. But this development may set a precedent forcing other companies fully to characterize and define the glycoproteins of which TPA is only one, for which they seek protection.

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SUMMIT OF NATIONS

The era of nuclear disarmament has begun, according to Mr Gorbachov. That may not be true but the fine phrase none the less was an appropriate end to this week's meeting of men, women and minds in Moscow.

It will probably be seen by historians as the summit at which the treaty on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) was jointly ratified – and swiftly followed by the withdrawal of the first American INF missiles from West Germany. It might be remembered as the one which lent fresh impetus to the search for a strategic arms reduction treaty (Start), aimed at "halving" stockpiles of long-range nuclear weapons.

But it was also one at which President Reagan renounced his "evil empire" description of the Soviet Union and replaced it with ringing calls for freedom in the new USSR. This was the summit at which *glasnost* was most evident. Both leaders and their subordinates spoke their minds, sometimes to the irritation of the Kremlin which still prefers fine phrases to take precedence.

Apart from the INF treaty, the other arms control achievments concluded in Moscow were more in the nature of confidence-building measures. One concerns the need for 24 hours notice of any ballistic missile test. The other involves joint experiments to find the best means for detecting and measuring each other's nuclear explosions.

The prospect of their signing a Start treaty at this summit was acknowledged some time ago to be a faint one. But advances appear to have been made in Moscow towards an agreement on mobile land missiles and a limit on air-launched Cruise missiles and heavy bombers. The issue of submarine-launched Cruise missiles still looks more difficult.So does their fundamental difference over the Strategic Defence Initiative.

It was a summit full of even more "hype" than usual – perhaps an inevitable consequence of the new Russian penchant for openness in their dealings with the West. No doubt Mr Gorbachov felt justified in glumly pointing out in his press conference that they could have made more serious progress without this. But summits are also confidence-building measures in themselves. In a curious way the hype is all part of that.

The superpowers should be congratulated, not condemned, for failing to rush headlong towards a Start treaty – for the sake of short-term political gain and at the expense of long-term genuine understanding. Bad arms control is worse than no arms control at all. The accusations and mutual suspicion aroused by poor drafting in the Salt agreements of the 1970s prove that.

Mr Gorbachov may show distaste for Mr Reagan's stress on human rights but this remains the most important single issue. Western suspicion of the USSR stems from its closed society and its denial of basic freedoms to its people. Moscow has made strides towards reform, as Mr Reagan acknowledged from the start. But by Western standards they still have far to go.

It was a summit at which the superpowers paused to reflect on the story so far and plan the next chapter. It was not one for startlingly new conclusions. But it was none the worse for that. It was closer to a summit between nations than could have seemed possible before Mr Gorbachov came to power.

A GOOD HEAD

Whoever we are, wherever we are, we remember the head, once the headmaster or headmistress, now more often than not the headteacher – still the lynch pins of education and for Mr Kenneth Baker the keys to reform. Without their co-operation the Government's programme for regeneration in the schools cannot work.

The country depends on the flair and energy of the headteachers in running schools that parents can be proud to send their children to. Outside the home it is the head who in the end controls whether or not children are sent into the world equipped to lead useful lives of their own and to shape the next generation. To ensure they can do that for the country, the country has to be sure that the heads can manage their own affairs, seeing clearly their role as the educators of the future generation.

The signs, at yesterday's opening of the National Association of Head Teachers' annual conference were not encouraging. Although headteachers are under pressure, that neither justifies talk of impending disaster in every classroom nor pie-in-the-sky claims for extra money.

The heads do have a case for more administrative support. The extent of secretarial assistance in most schools is puny. Headteachers are often required to do a professional job of educational leadership, financial management and parental contact with a minimum of office assistance. Some even take a paint pot and brush in hand to blot out the graffiti on their vandalized buildings.

The heads themselves assert they could be better trained. Mr Baker should agree. He should note that it is the Department of Education and Science, not the local authorities, which has failed over the years to create a staff college to provide training in the new skills, particularly the financial management of schools. In many areas, the head is expected among other duties to be responsible for the letting of the school buildings. The DES might have done much more to put the resources of HM Inspectors of Schools behind head teachers and follow up their own reports with material assistance in making improvements. The old excuse that government inspectors were concerned with qualities while the local authorities provided quantities will no longer wash.

A new era is opening. The DES is contemplating publishing performance criteria for schools. The governors of schools considering opting out will have to give much thought to quantitative assessments of quality. An inevitable response from heads will be that their remuneration will have to reflect such judgements. In this era, there will be a move away from scales on which all heads are paid more or less the same.

A good head makes him or herself quickly known to teachers, parents and children alike. The challenge for education policy beyond the present set of reforms is not just to back the good heads but to identify and cherish the potentially good heads on whom the salvation of the bad schools depends.

LAST BATTLE FOR TUMBLEDOWN

However just the cause of war or noble its objective, men are killed, maimed and scarred in their minds by it. Each tragedy reaches out to the families of the victims too. Few of those who have ever fought in a front line have found their subsequent lives unaffected in some manner or other.

This was the real message of *Tumbledown*, the television play based on the life of Robert Lawrence, the Scots Guards officer who was part-paralysed by a sniper's bullet during the Falklands War. As an illustration of what war can do to a vigorous, brash young man, and to his family, it was chastening.

Now that the smoke of battle which surrounded its showing this week has largely cleared, one can see that Whitehall's approach to it was flawed. Officials can be very sensitive to criticism. In this case the only effect of all the outcry was to ensure that the play had maximum publicity.

Opposition was chiefly based on Mr Lawrence's allegations of indifference shown by the Army to its wounded. But the play showed acts of kindness too – and did not hide Mr Lawrence's own arrogance. It was the story of one man's struggle to survive – and a lesson upon the qualities one needs.

This is not meant to imply that the Ministry of Defence should now forget it. After almost every war there are those who feel neglected by the nation. Sometimes their resentment seems well justified – and sometimes not. But complaints are frequent enough to deserve closer study. If it takes a play to encourage this, all to the good.

An elaborate structure of pensions and other forms of financial aid exists to help those who have been invalided out, including the Armed Forces Pensions Scheme, the DHSS and a number of service charities. Even so, there are those who slip through the net. Rigid, codified systems of aid and benefit cannot always cope with the human needs of those who might want sympathy and understanding.

In one sense the services, and the Army in particular, are better than any civlian organization since each regiment sees itself *in loco parentis*. On the other hand, the problems that the Services have to deal with, are that much worse. Soldiers say that the greatest shock comes after their discharge when, after being part of a paternalistic society, they find themselves on their own.

One important advance after the Falklands War was the decision to bring back for burial at home the bodies of those who had died in battle. British servicemen have traditionally been buried where they fell – a legacy from the age of Empire when far flung battles in the days before aircraft made any other course impracticable. It is only right that families now should have the choice.

The need to review the treatment of those who are injured or bereaved in the nation's cause is likely to grow. During a world war, when the whole country is involved in the war effort, there is a universal sense of suffering. But future conflicts are more likely to be limited, like the Falklands, in which only a minority are directly involved. In that case, the rest of the nation has an obligation to ensure that those who sacrifice their careers, their health or their lives are cared for as they deserve.

Church in Ukraine

From Mr S. Oleskiw

Sir, Next month, Ukrainians will celebrate 1,000 years of Christianity in the Ukraine.

Unfortunately, religious believers in Ukraine cannot celebrate their millennium freely. Although Mr Gorbachov is attempting to portray religious freedom in the USSR, the Ukrainian Catholic and Autocephalous Orthodox churches are still banned and their faithful are still persecuted. The religious thaw applies only to the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) which has received certain concessions and is being allowed to celebrate "its" millennium.

But why the favourable view of the millennium and the concessions? It is not that the Soviet regime is a great friend of the Russian Church. But the ROC can be of service in the suppression of other churches and peoples. The Moscow Patriarchate proved itself a loyal ally in the campaign against the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 1945-46. In exchange for the privileges, it is supporting the Soviet Union's "peace" policies and testifying to the supposed religious liberty in the USSR, lending support to the Soviet view of the history of the nations of the USSR.

Like their Tsarist predecessors, Soviet rulers manipulate history to serve their ends – the legitimisation of the regime and the enhancement of its prestige. Nowhere is this more evident than in the preparations for the millennium. The history of the peoples of the USSR is being presented as the history of the rise of Muscovy, and the ROC's support of these efforts justifies its existence. The millennium is being treated as an exclusive property of the ROC and Russian historical tradition.

Never mind that Muscovy did not arise till the 13th century, or that the ROC was not formed till the 14th century, or that the Moscow Patriarchate came into being in 1589, while the very concept "Russia" was born only in 1721.

Although history and semantics are being used to establish Moscow's supposed inheritance of the Kyivan traditions it is the Ukrainians who will rightfully be celebrating the millennium of Christianity in Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,
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June 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Row over worship in school hours

From the General Secretary of the Association of Christian Teachers

Sir, The dispute between Muslim leaders and the headteacher of the Birmingham school (report, May 26) is quite properly a subject for an enquiry by the City Council education authority. Specific comment is therefore out of place, apart from saying that Christian teachers should neither endorse nor emulate what the Head of Golden Hillock School is reported to have said to her pupils.

Three general points arise from this incident. First, there is need for sensitive arrangements between school authorities and the leaders of faiths which might require pupils to engage in distinctive religious observances in school time on school premises. This seems to be the only way of avoiding a succession of piecemeal disputes.

Second, the judgements which faiths make about each other should as far as possible be removed from the exercise of public authority. A headteacher's personal faith may involve an adverse judgement of another religion, but headship in itself ought not to provide a platform for proclaiming it.

Christians and Muslims have already co-operated for the general defence of transcendent religion and the maintenance and advance of public morality. Cordiality does not mean compromise. It is a necessary part of mutual understanding, and indeed of every child's religious education, that the differences between the faiths should be recognised.

Third, in a multi-faith society, a teacher should not suffer professional disadvantage for holding beliefs which in themselves reflect adversely on other beliefs. The attitude of the Christian head of Golden Hillock School is the one immediately under scrutiny, yet it is possible to imagine something similar if a Muslim were head of a school with 70 per cent Hindus.

Christians in particular need to exercise responsibility in their use of public office, but they have no monopoly of intolerance. Indeed, Christians and Muslims alike have sometimes been victims of Shiite secularists who think that they have the monopoly of tolerance.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILKINS
(General Secretary,
Association of Christian Teachers),
2 Romeland Hill,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
May 27.

Thames-side threat

From Professor Sir John Hale, FBA, and Mr Grenville Jones

Sir, Of all the threats to areas of outstanding beauty, open spaces and the Green Belt (letters May 14 and 20), perhaps the most surprising concerns the famous view from Richmond Hill.

Local conservation groups and residents note that while English Heritage endeavours to prevent the construction of a landing pier at Westminster on the grounds that it would spoil the view of the Houses of Parliament, the same body seeks to impose an entirely unwanted 70ft pier on the banks of the Thames at Marble Hill, Twickenham.

English Heritage failed to consult local conservation groups *before* submitting its plans for Marble Hill. There are, understandably, strong objections from these groups as well as from sailing and rowing clubs, bird watchers and the local conservation area advisory committee.

They feel Heritage's plans will introduce a construction which is obstrusive and aesthetically displeasing, will spoil a traditional and beautiful setting and flaw the world-famous view from Richmond Hill, protected by an Act of Parliament. We urge English Heritage to think again.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HALE,
GRENVILLE JONES,
Friends of Marble Hill
and Orleans,
20 Montpelier Row,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
May 26.

Sign of the cross

From Mr Frank Richards

Sir, A small white wooden cross has appeared by the side of an A road in Oxfordshire, at the site of a recent fatal accident.

Every time I pass this spot, I now think of the possible consequences of road traffic accidents, and the places they can occur. No doubt many other drivers think the same. A major contribution to road safety would be if the sites of all fatal accidents were so marked for a period of, say, three months.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK RICHARDS,
32 The Fairway, Flackwell Heath,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
May 26.

Classics at Oxford

From Mr E. L. Bowie

Sir, Contrary to your report (May 23) the Regius Chair of Greek (from which Hugh Lloyd-Jones is due to retire in September 1989, not 1988 as your *Education Reporter implied*) has not been put "at the top of a 'hit-list' of 'losable posts' by the classics faculty".

The classics sub-faculty put it at the top of a list of posts it wished to be filled at the earliest possible date; the faculty board (which administers philosophy as well as classics) put it among the top three; the general board has indicated that it hopes to be able to fill it with effect from October, 1990. These decisions reflect the high value each of these bodies sets on a post which is indeed vital to both undergraduate and graduate teaching.

Your Correspondent was right, however, to say that classical languages are flourishing at Oxford, though the number entering the course annually is not 100 but (averaged over the years 1985-88) over 150 (with another 35 taking courses involving classics). Our faculty, like the university, has every intention and prospect of entering the 21st century with the recognition that it is world-class.

Yours faithfully,
E. L. BOWIE (Chairman,
Sub-faculty of Classics),
Corpus Christi College,
Oxford.

Labour laws

From Professor Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, FBA

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin writes (May 26) that I may have been struck "speechless", no longer claiming that "Tory labour laws" lead to "greater industrial trouble". He cannot have to hand the debates on the Employment Bill 1988.

The absurd proposal, for example, in that Bill for separate ballots on industrial action at each workplace promised such "trouble" to industrial relations that the Government was forced to rewrite it in both Houses, after growing criticism from both unions and employers.

Abjuring such detail, Mr Levin approves of these labour laws because they "put the power into the hands of the members". Yet, oddly, he severely castigates the members of an American union for negotiations which have apparently resulted in better conditions and more jobs.

The puzzle may be solved if we recall his earlier article (December 14, 1987). There he praised the Government for "working towards a time when the unions, at any rate as they are today, have ceased to exist". They would become "friendly societies", divorced from industrial relations, their role in wage bargaining "meaningless".

The labour laws of the 1980s have increasingly been recognised as the legal arm of just that drive towards deunionisation, where individual employees are left to their fate in a labour market organised by multinational capital. That is the sincere, but dangerous creed of both scholars and jesters in the Hayek camp. They rarely apply their precepts about "power" to the forces which control that market.

Opponents of that regressive philosophy will continue, throughout Europe, to see collective bargaining by free trade unions as an indispensable part of the countervailing pluralist pressures essential to a decent democratic society. Among them – fortunately – stand many British employers.

Yours sincerely,
WEDDERBURN
of CHARLTON,
29 Woodside Avenue,
Highgate, N6.

Patients' notes

From Dr Nina Essex

Sir, A large proportion of the army of medical records clerks to which Mr Cameron refers (May 26) spend their time searching for "missing notes". If these essential records are not found the patient faces one of three disagreeable options: a long wait in the clinic or ward, or having to make a further appointment, or being seen by the doctor without the previous records being available. The latter option is sometimes feasible for patients with a chronic condition, who are well known to the consultant, but is never satisfactory and can be dangerous.

If patients held their own notes doctors would also be obliged to discuss the contents much more fully than at present; a little *glasnost* in doctor/patient relationships is long overdue. My own practice is to dictate all letters in out-patient clinics with the patient present, so that he or she can hear exactly what is said.

Non-essential documents could either be discarded or kept in a backup store from which they could be retrieved if necessary. There are practical difficulties, such as the filing of letters and results of tests; efficient systems can overcome these problems.

Yours faithfully,
NINA ESSEX,
Mayday Hospital,
Mayday Road,
Thornton Heath, Surrey.
May 26.

From Dr I. J. Dilworth

Sir, The letter from M. D. Cameron suggesting patients should be responsible for keeping their own medical records is to be applauded. This suggestion could also be very usefully employed for dental records.

At present, no dental records are forwarded when patients change dentists. Passing them on would avoid unnecessary duplication of recent X-ray examinations which cumulatively are potentially dangerous. A neat solution would be to allow patients to keep their own dental records.

Yours faithfully,
I. J. DILWORTH,
Ashpound Cottage,
Pound Lane,
Capel St Mary, Suffolk.
May 26.

Obstacles in path of NHS lottery

From Mrs Rosie Barnes, MP for Greenwich (Social Democrat)

Sir, Your leader (May 27) suggests, among other things, that any revenue from a single health service lottery would lead inevitably to a corresponding reduction in direct public health expenditure.

The purpose behind my introduction of proposals for an NHS lottery has never been to generate revenue in order to cut back on NHS spending; nor do I believe this is an inevitable consequence. It would be a relatively simple task for the secretary of state to introduce regulations which would preclude just this possibility.

For example, in any given financial year, if direct expenditure on the NHS fell below a predetermined level – perhaps if it decreased in real terms – the lottery revenues would be re-directed to the health sector charities.

The work of the voluntary sector, particularly in the field of research, is as vital to the long term health of the nation as a well-funded and efficiently managed NHS. The same attractions for participants could therefore be presumed to apply.

Perhaps the main lesson to be drawn from your leader is that many obstacles can, and have been, placed in the path of establishing an NHS lottery – almost without exception they can be overcome with good will and imagination.

These qualities hold the key to the venture's success and they certainly exist within the British public; it remains to be seen whether the same may be said for the Government.

That will be tested by the support I receive for the new clause in the Finance Bill which I have proposed.

Yours faithfully,
ROSIE BARNES,
House of Commons.
May 27.

From his Honour Judge Finney

Sir, May I support, and differ a little from, your views on lotteries. As you point out, the fundamental defect of the present legislation is, and always has been, the silly limitation on the size of individual prizes.

It is absurd to rule that a lottery may have ten £6,000 prizes, but not one of £60,000 which is obviously more attractive; the "puritan" approach to liberal legislation: "enjoy yourself, but not too much".

On the other hand, stringent controls *are* required: large quantities of cash money washing about attract ingenious and very sticky fingers, as they did in the 17th and 18th centuries, until a Royal Commission recommended abolition of state lotteries because of the fraud with which they were infested.

No great new legislation is required. It should be sufficient merely to repeal s10 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (which imposes controls on the frequency with which an authorised body may conduct lotteries) and s11(5)-(10) (which limit the size of individual lotteries and prizes), leaving the existing controls in place.

The alternative, for a society wishing to be more adventurous, is to try to erect a cumbersome structure of "branch" lotteries (based on the generous interpretation of "society" in s23) organised on an interconnected programme with multiple but divisible tickets. Such artificialities should not be necessary.

Yours faithfully,
JARLATH FINNEY,
207 Hampstead Way, NW11.
May 29.

Help from the stars

From the Director of Manchester Business School

Sir, The uproar over President Reagan's apparent willingness to revert to astrology in decision-making at the highest level should not blind us to genuine scientific progress in understanding the effects of heavenly movements on events on earth; recall only that the existence of diurnal and other bio-rhythms was ridiculed in the recent past.

Recent research in a number of European countries has revealed unsuspected benefits from techniques that British industry still rejects.

One well known example is the routine use in Germany of handwriting analysis in personnel selection at all levels; less well known but of perhaps greater long-term value is the French work on the correlation between successful entry into different professions and the time in the year/day of birth: with, to put it crudely, star-signs!

Manchester Business School has recently been fortunate in securing from the Government-funded Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) a substantial grant to examine various of the determinants of business success and failure. "Astrological" indicators are high on the list of the unusual factors which a researcher will be examining.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. J. TELFER, Director,
Manchester Business School,
University of Manchester,
Booth Street West,
Manchester 15.
May 26.

Verbal dexterity

From Mr Colin Hart

Sir, May we assume that if Philip Howard neither vacuums nor hoovers his home, his daily is tasked to do so.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN HART,
Charthurst,
Chart Lane,
Brasted,
Westerham, Kent.

From Mr Alan B. Wilkinson

Sir, Your correspondence reminds me of a recent lecture by an American computer expert whose self-proclaimed philosophy on this subject was: "Any noun can be verbed."

Salvation will obviously not come from the West.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN B. WILKINSON,
6 Balmoral Drive,
Formby, Liverpool.

From Mrs Basil Greenhill

Sir, I note that "Pianist Cécile Ousset solos in Chopin's Piano concerto in F minor tonight" (*Times* Information Service, May 31). Musical dexterity?

Yours faithfully,
ANN GREENHILL,
West Boetheric Farmhouse,
St Dominic, Saltash, Cornwall.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 2 1902

The Boer War (1899-1902), not perhaps the most glorious of wars in which the British had been involved, finally ended. The views expressed in the German newspaper printed below reflected a widely-held opinion that the war had revealed the British Army to be not all it might be

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

PEACE.

TERMS OF SURRENDER SIGNED AT PRETORIA.

The following telegrams from Lord Kitchener have been received at the War Office:-

Pretoria, May 31, 5.15 p.m.

It is now settled that the Boer representatives will come here immediately, and also the High Commissioner from Johannesburg.

It is possible that the document will be signed to-night.

I have received from them a statement saying that they accept and are prepared to sign.

11.15 p.m.

Negotiations with Boer delegates. The document containing terms of surrender was signed here this evening at 10.30 p.m. by all Boer representatives, as well as by Lord Milner and myself.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
Pretoria, June 1.

The convention at Vereeniging decided to accept the British terms yesterday morning.

The delegates arrived at Pretoria at a late hour at night and immediately subscribed to the conditions of surrender.

Pretoria, May 31.

Six commandos from the Transvaal and two from the Orange River Colony are desirous of surrendering. They are waiting for the result of the present peace negotiations. It is stated that a number of these Boers will surrender in any event.

Pietermaritzburg, May 30.

Addressing an assembly at Greytown yesterday, Sir Henry M'Callum, the Governor, said, in reference to the prospects of peace, that the Boer delegates, who numbered about 200, appeared to be having a good time at the British Government's expense. They wanted six times as much as the British Government were prepared to grant, and meanwhile they were being treated to the best that was procurable, hence their delay in announcing their decision. . .

Toronto, June 1.

The new of peace was received here with great rejoicing. Notwithstanding the fact that it was Sunday, the news quickly spread, the bells were rung at all the fire stations, and flags were hoisted on the public buildings throughout the city.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Paris, June 1.

Much enthusiasm and satisfaction are felt here at the news, which is now being telephoned all over the city, that the Boer chiefs have accepted the British terms and signed an agreement with Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener.

A GERMAN OPINION.

Berlin, June 1.

The *Berliner Neueste Nachrichten*, on the eve of peace, is extremely anxious to impress upon the public that the Boers are not conquered. The journal undoubtedly reflects the opinion of the majority of the German people, especially the military section of the community, when, in the course of the article, it remarks that "the Boers have revealed to the world the wretched state of the British Army, and proved that England would be no match for a Power of equal military strength, but would collapse miserably." The journal further says that the reputation which England has lost the Boers have gained, and adds that there is little likelihood that England will turn to account the lessons of the war and radically reform the Army. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 1: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess Royal, The Duchess of Gloucester and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, honoured Epsom Races with her presence today.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this evening visited the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, and presided at a Ceremony marking the receipt of a Royal Charter by the Institute.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 1: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Hale Clinic, 7, Park Crescent, London W1.

His Royal Highness, President, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, later chaired the Annual Meeting of the General Council at 21 Palace Court, London W2.

Mr David Wright was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Laura Ashley Factory, Newtown, Powys.

Her Royal Highness, President, Wales Craft Council, subsequently visited the Council's *Offices at Severn Street*, Welshpool, Powys.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Today is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

King Constantine of The Hellenes celebrates his birthday today.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Suffolk Show, Ipswich, at 10.00.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will open Flint House, the home of the Police Convalescence and Rehabilitation Trust, at Goring-on-Thames, at 3.30.

The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will launch the "Blackburn Partnership" in Blackburn at 10.30; and, as Patron of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust, will attend celebrations to *mark* the William and Mary Tercentenary in Chesterfield at 3.00.

The Princess of Wales will open the new magistrates' court at Friars Walk, Lewes, Sussex, at 11.05; and will visit the East Sussex Drugs Advisory Council training course at Pelham House, Lewes, at 12.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a dinner at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 7.00, organized by the General Committee of the Tyne and Wear Station.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception given by the National Association for Mental Health (MIND) at the Norfolk Hotel, Harrington Road, SW7, at 6.25.

Birthdays today

Mr Algernon Asprey, artist and designer, 76; Sir Richard Bonallack, former president, Freight Bonallack, 84; Lord Boyd-Carpenter, 80; Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, 68; Miss Heather Couper, astronomer, 39; Mr Handel Davies, aeronautical engineer, 76; Mr Mark Elder, music director, English National Opera, 41; Admiral Sir *Richard Fitch*, 59; *Mr Marvin* Hamlisch, composer, 44; the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, 52; Mr Justice Jupp, 71; Lord Kadoorie, 89; the Hon Peter Morrison, MP, 44; Sir Denis Mountain, former chairman and managing director, Eagle Star Insurance Company, 59; Professor Robin Orr, composer, 79; Mr Leonard Parkin, broadcaster, 59; Canon Dr Anthony Phillips, headmaster, King's School, Canterbury, 52; Lord Justice Slade, 61; Mr Johnny Speight, writer, 68; Sir Sigmund Sternberg, president, CRU Holdings, 67; Sir David Trench, former governor, Hong Kong, 73; Mr Charlie Watts, Rolling Stones' drummer, 47; the Earl of Yarborough, 68.

Ready to break the Portland Vase



Nigel Williams, right, chief conservator of ceramics at the British Museum, and Kenneth Painter, deputy keeper of the museum's Greek and Roman department, with the Portland Vase (Photograph: John Rogers).

Mr Nigel Williams, the British Museum's chief conservator of ceramics, is about to break a Roman glass vase, worth several million pounds, into more than 200 pieces and then put it together again (Andrew Billen writes).

The Portland Vase, made of blue and white glass by the sculptor Dioscourides, was smashed into 200 pieces by a drop-out from Trinity College, Dublin, while it was on show in the British Museum in 1845.

It was pieced together by the museum's restorer, John Doubleday, but a century later the glue began to weaken and, in 1949, the vase was re-assembled by the conservator James Axtell.

Now the 1940s adhesive has become brittle and yellow and Mr Williams explained yesterday how he will take the vase apart and achieve a near perfect restoration that will last 200 years — including scores of tiny fragments left out by Doubleday.

"It is the most difficult restoration I have attempted in 27 years," he said.

Mr Williams will begin by encasing the vase in a paper mould and placing it in an atmosphere of solvent which will release the joins.

With the vase still in its mould, he will then remove tapes placed over each crack inside the vase and fish out the pieces, numbering and recording their positions.

He will then replace the pieces after painting each edge with a glue that will not become fast until he is satisfied each is in exactly the right position, held by sticky tape.

The tiny extra fragments will be positioned using tweezers which hold each piece with compressed air.

When the vase is complete it will be "shot" with ultraviolet light to activate the glue.

Although Mr Williams supervises a team of 12 conservators, the vase restoration will be his alone. He expects it to take 40 per cent of his time for the rest of the year.

Dinners

United and Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club at dinner at the House of Commons last night. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, was the principal guest speaker and Mr Christopher Ward also spoke.

Harveian Society of London
Professor P.J.S. Hamilton, President of the Harveian Society of London, presided at the annual Buckston Browne-Bray Hill dinner held last night on *The Silver Dolphin*. Professor Michael Oliver was the principal guest.

British Medical Association
Dr John Marks, Chairman of Council of the British Medical Association, Mr David Bolt, president, Dr B.L. Alexander and Dr J.A. Riddell, were hosts at a dinner held last night at BMA House.

European-Atlantic Group
Lord Chalfont was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner *given by the European-Atlantic* Group at St Ermin's Hotel last night. General Sir Harry Tuzo presided and Viscount Montgomery of Alamein also spoke. Among those present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, Lady Chalfont, Lord Hankey, Sir David and Lady Liddersdale, Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir Peregrine Rhodes, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Sir David and Lady Wills, Princess Helena Moutaflan and Baron and Baroness Rothschild.

Management Consultancies Association
Mr Peter Kemp was guest of honour at a dinner given by the Management Consultancies *Association, at the Cavalry and* Guards Club last night. Mr Jim Donaldson, chairman of the association presided.

Manorial Society of Great Britain
Mr Robert Smith, Chairman of the Manorial Society of Great Britain, with the Earl of Onslow, Lord Sudeley and Mr C.R. Humphery-Smith, members of the Governing Council, welcomed members of the society and their guests to dinner at the East India Club, London, on Tuesday, *May* 31. The guest of honour was Mr J. Enoch Powell, who was accompanied by Mrs *Powell*.

Luncheon

Law Society
Mr Derek Bradbeer, President of the Law Society, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street. Among those present were:

Lord Mishcon, Lord Justice Staughton, Mr T M Aldridge, Mr J S Colyer, QC, Mr J Pitts, Mr J H Watford, Mr R K H Cassell, Professor A L Diamond and Mr J W Hayes.

Marriage

Mr A.P.D. Werner and Miss A.E. Eatwell
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 28, at Guildford between Mr Alexander Werner and Miss Ann Eatwell.

Dutch artist's record price

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Paris claimed a record for the Dutch 17th century artist Paulus Potter, when his painting of a single piebald horse beneath a blustering sky fetched FFr 8.8 million (£814,800).

It was one of the highlights at last sale of the collection amassed by Georges Renand, owner of the French department stores, Samaritaine. The series began last November with Impressionists, and finished on Tuesday with Old Masters.

There were good prices for French 18th century paintings of little girls, the first a drawing by Antoine Watteau, which fetched £52,000 (just above estimate) and the second a painting by J-H Fragonard, which sold within estimate for £220,222. All but two of the 51 paintings, a Rembrandt and a Ter Borgh, found buyers.

Meanwhile Sotheby's yesterday achieved a runaway record at their Marine sale in London for the little-known American artist, Montague Dawson. His painting "The Golden Fleece", showing a galleon in mid-sail, before a purple sky and an oleaginous sea fetched £59,400 — more than double estimate, to an anonymous buyer.

His "China Clipper in Choppy Sea" fetched £35,200 (estimate up to £20,000).

In the general section, an early 19th century French model of a 76-gun ship made by a prisoner of war, fetched £16,500 to the London dealers Langford Marine Antiques, against an estimate of up to £12,000.

But the bronze bell from the "Cleopatra", the ship which conveyed Cleopatra's Needle to England, and was cast away in a storm in 1877, failed to sell at £170.

Garden statuary, the like of which used to gather moss in tumbledown estates, commanded the prices of fine sculpture at Sotheby's Billingshurst yesterday. A marble group by Charles Birch, showing a wood nymph sitting naked on a rocky outcrop, with a fawn in her lap and another looking at her with meaning, sold for £37,000 against an estimate of up to £25,000. A Georgian white marble chimneypiece fetched nearly double its estimate at £16,500.

Christie's completed two days selling Chinese and Japanese ceramics in Amsterdam yesterday, with a total of £600,000, with 15 per cent unsold. Top lot, bought by a Portuguese dealer, was an extensive Chinese dinner service, painted with bouquets of flowers, butterfies and birds. Its price was 109,000 gilders (£31,214).

A unique collection of 600 "flapper" dresses from the 1920, found in the stables of an old manor house, are to be sold at Phillips today.

Schools news

Sherborne School
As a result of the recent examination, the following awards have been made:
Scholarship of three-quarter fees: M.R. King, Sherborne Preparatory School.
The Ross Wallace Scholarship of half fees: C.J. Smart, Sherborne Preparatory School.
Scholarship of half fees: A.E. de Mestre, Sherborne School, formerly Twyford School, Winchester; R.J. Forrest, The Downs, Wraxall; M.J. Green, Wolborough Hill, Newton Abbot.
Exhibitions of one-fifth fees: J.N. Chantrey, St Andrew's, Woking; F.M.J. Costeloe, The Downs, Wraxall; S.R. Everard, *Lambrook, Winkfield Row*; B.P. Oliver, Sherborne School, formerly The Old Malthouse, Langton Maltravers (for special proficiency in Science); S.J. Pratt, Port Regis, Shaftesbury; E.D.W. Robertson, Brambletye, East Grinstead.
Raban Exhibition of £400 pa: M.S. Drinnan, Sandroyd, Salisbury.
Nutting Exhibition of £300 pa: G.D.M. Shirley, King's Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove.
Sherborne Preparatory School award of £250 pa: N.B. Ashfield.
Art Awards:
Half-fees Scholarship: N.E. Dawson, Fosters School, Sherborne.
Quarter fees Scholarship: M.O. Chaffer, Brambletye, East Grinstead; J.B. Casely, Port Regis, Shaftesbury.
Music Scholarships:
Full fees Scholarship: A.J. Law, Private Tutor.
Exhibition of one-quarter fees: M.J. Bawtree, Mount House School, Tavistock; D.J. Reynolds, The Prebendal School, Chichester; J.S. Richardson-Chapple, Wells Cathedral School.

Elmslie Girls' School, Blackpool
Will all old girls and former staff who have not yet had notice of the seventieth jubilee celebrations to be held in July 1988, please contact the school secretary for full details of all events?

Institute of Education

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University, presented a Royal Charter to the Institute of Education at the Institute yesterday. Among those present were:

Lord Flowers (Vice-Chancellor of London University), Mr Peter Holwell (Principal), Professor P P Quittaure (Chairman of Convocation), Sir John Ellis (Chairman of the Institute of Education Council), Professor Denis Lawton (Director of the Institute of Education), Professor P H Hirst (who gave an address), and the Institute Council and Senate.

The Ethiopian Ambassador, the High Commissioners for Botswana, Nigeria and Zambia, the Hong Kong Government Commissioner in London, Baroness Blackstone, Professor R A Wilson, Professor G D Cowan, Professor F Fish, Professor Ian Lucas, Professor J P Barron, Professor F M L Thompson, Professor M A Branch, Mr Andrew Rutherford, Dr David R Clark, Mr B E Steptoe, Mr V T H Parry, Professor Brian Groombridge, Professor D E C Weddeburn, Dr Farouk Topan, Mr Alan Brown, Mr M Sparks, Major-General R B Loudoun, Mr R Smith, Dr Clare Burstall, Mr C Alves, Mr P Stirrup, Mr C Hopkinson, Mr N Hardyman, Professor G Bernbaum, *Mr R S Johnson, Mr E* Bolton, Mr R H Bird, Dr Malcolm Fraser, Dr R C Smith, Mr L Wagner, Mrs P Perry, Dr N Singer, Miss Diana Warwick, Mr John Saunders, Mrs C Walmore, Mr K Thomas, Mr P D Snape, Mr R Francis, Dr Beverley Young, Dr R O Iredale, Mr James Porter, Dr A Christodoulou, Miss Margaret Quass, Dr J Kane, Dame Margaret Miles, Dr A A Evans, Professor J G Lawrence, Professor Paul Black, Professor J D Turner, Mr Neil Fletcher, Mr David Mallen, Mr A W Bush, Mr N W Gill, Mr R J Hardies, *Mr G Hutchinson, Mr John Mann, Mr* Richard Davies, Mr Martin Shepherd, Mr Geoffrey Wainwright and Mr J O Morris.

Chaumet Ltd

M Jean Bergeron, President Directeur General of Chaumet Ltd, was host at a reception held last night at 178 New Bond Street, in honour of the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Elizabeth Flach, accompanied by Mr Robert Flach. Among the guests who attended were members of the Diplomatic Corps and many friends and clients of Chaumet Ltd.

Memorial service

The Rev Sir Patrick Ferguson Davie
A memorial service for the Rev Sir Patrick Ferguson Davie was held yesterday at St Swithun's Church, Sandford, Devon. Prebendary Michael Moreton, Rural Dean of Christianity, officiated and gave an address. The Dean of Exeter read the lesson and the Rev John Davidson led the prayers.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.R.C. Corfield and Miss C.R. Holman
The engagement is announced between Thomas, second son of Major and Mrs Richard Corfield, Radway, Warwick, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Holman, Foxcote, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

Mr J.F. Anderson and Miss J.M. Hirst
The engagement is announced between Fergus, elder son of Mr Ian Anderson and the late Mrs Cecilia Anderson, of Haveringland, Norfolk, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hirst, of Ormesby St Michael, Norfolk.

Mr J.H. Bennett and Miss J.L. Elliot
The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mrs P. Bennett, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire, and of Mr J.D. Bennett, of Willesden Green, London, and Jane, daughter of Mr D.A. Elliot and of the late Mrs J. Elliot, of Dulwich, London.

Mr C.J. Breese and Miss R.A. Platts Mills
The engagement is announced of Charles, eldest son of John and Betty Breese, of Dumfries, to Rebecca, younger daughter of John and Marcia Mills, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr S.T. Cockbill and Miss H. Maxwell
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Cockbill, of Thorpe Langton, Leicestershire, and Helen, daughter of Mr John Maxwell, and Mrs Carol Hurst, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr T.M. Ellacott and Miss A.S. Painter
The engagement is announced between Terence, son of Mr and Mrs F.E. Ellacott, of Sutton, Surrey, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.A. Painter, of *Toronto, Canada*.

Mr S.A.R. Hatfield and Miss A.J. Pullin
The engagement is announced between Sam, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.R. Hatfield, of Heronsgate, Hertfordshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Pullin, of Ston Easton, Bath.

Mr F.S. Jackson and Miss C.J. Symington
The engagement is announced between Finn, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jackson, of Barton-le-Willows, York, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Symington, of Oporto, Portugal.

Mr M. Rogers and Miss A.S. Davis
The *engagement is announced* between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs P.J.M. Rogers, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Astra Sheridan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Davis, of East Ham, London.

Mr N. Schleich and Miss S. Macewan
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs H. Schleich, of Paris, France, and Sarah, daughter of Mr C.A. Macewan and Mrs G.A. Edwards, of Chesterton Cottage, Haslemere, Surrey.

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OBITUARY

MR RAYMOND HOWELL

Pioneer in jet engine technology

Mr Raymond Howell, FRAeS who died in Farnborough, Hants, on May 28, at the age of 70, made a major contribution to the design of axial flow compressors for jet engines and gas turbines. He was acknowledged as a world-wide authority and the principles he established almost 50 years ago are still applied today.

Alun Raymond Howell was born on June 1, 1917, and educated at Swansea Grammar School, where he won an Open Scholarship in Mathematics to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. However he incurred the wrath of his headmaster by electing to read for the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

After graduation in 1938 he *joined the team led by Hayne* Constant in the Engine Department at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, *Farnborough*.

The RAE team was pursuing a line of research distinct from Sir Frank Whittle's pioneering work. Whereas Whittle's engines employed centrifugal compressors, the RAE work was of a longer term nature and aimed at using axial flow compressors, which, it was believed would be more efficient.

One of the problems common to both types of engine was their lack of mechanical integrity. In both failure was often caused by an imperfect *understanding of the highly* complex air flow through the compressor.

Howell's work laid the *foundations for the design of* high performance axial flow compressors. It was written up first in 1942 as Report and Memorandum 2095 of the Aeronautical Research Council but did not become known to the world at large until 1945, when a classic series of papers, including two by Howell, were read before the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Throughout the war there had been close collaboration between the RAE and the Metropolitan Vickers team led by D. M. Smith. It led to the first British axial

Later, as Head of the Aerodynamics Department at the National Gas Turbine Establishment, Howell led a highly talented team which had several further successes to its credit. One of them, the NGTE 109 compressor, designed in 1944 and first tested in 1946, was for many years afterwards regarded as yardstick against which other high performance axial compressors might be judged.

All of this was before the days of high speed computers. One of Howell's great insights was his ability to represent complex phenomena in comparatively simple mathematical formulae, readily applicable to the engineering design methods of the day.

Even with the advent of high speed computation his work did not lose its relevance; one of the last contributions he made, with his young colleagues Calvert, was to evolve a method of predicting more accurately than before the performance *of axial flow compressors* away from their design point.

Subsequently Howell became deeply interested in powered lift to confer short or vertical take-off and landing capabilities to aircraft.

He also played a key role on the defence of a patent action brought in the late 1960s by *Société Rateau* against the De Havilland Aircraft Company, Rolls Royce and the Ministry of Supply. Rateau alleged that the installation of the Avon engine in the Comet aircraft violated a patent tken out in France during the early part of World War II.

The case was heard by Mr Justice Lloyd-Jacob, one of the oldest and most experienced patent judges of the time. It was notable in several respects. At least one of the defendants took out an insurance policy on Lloyd-Jacob's life. The proceedings were expected to be long — and so they proved. It was the first case in which evidence based on calculations *done on* a digital computer was admitted. Fortunately, Mr Justice Lloyd-Jacob survived and the case *was defended* successfully.

Howell's contribution to the success stemmed not least from his meticulous records of work he himself had done as a young man in 1938. He was not in the best of health at the time and the case took a heavy toll. If it had been lost, the damages awarded to Rateau could have been substantial (several millions of pounds).

Howell and his wife, Doreen, were keen gardeners and threw open their garden every *summer* for several years, giving parties for friends and colleagues. He is survived by her, and his son and daughter.

PROF ERNEST LABROUSSE

Professor Ernest Labrousse, often described as "the father of French economic history" and one of the great professors of the Sorbonne in its heyday, died on May 24 at the age of 93.

Labrousse's reputation as an historian was made with the publication of two works, in 1933 *The Study of the Movement of Prices and Incomes in 18th Century France* (which was re-issued in 1984), and in 1944 his thesis, *The Crisis of the French Economy at the end of the Ancien Regime at the beginning of the French Revolution.*

Based upon an enormous archival documentation, which had hitherto been largely neglected, Labrousse was able to show the importance of the movement of prices, both in the long-term and in the short-term, and to write with unusual precision about the rise of the bourgeoisie in the 18th century and about the underlying economic circumstances in which the 1789 Revolution took place.

This method came to dominate the study of economic history in France as was shown in the volumes of *The Economic and Social History of France* which, from 1970 onwards, he edited with Fernand Braudel — Labrousse was one of the few historians who was able to bridge the gap between the traditional Sorbonne and the more adventurous École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.

Labrousse was very insistent that the title of his chair was "economic and social history" and he encouraged his students to imitate him in th. giving the widest interpretation of what should be considered as social. Politics, he used to say, can be studied as a collective, and therefore as a social phenomenon.

Labrousse was a brilliant lecturer. No one who heard him speak at the International Historical Conference of 1948 on how revolutions are born is likely to forget the occasion.

That this examination of *the interaction between* economic events (such as a bad harvest) and political crises, as they occurred in 1789, 1830 and 1848, should have been endlessly quoted and discussed since, shows that the lecture was not a matter of mere oratory but a deeply perceptive analysis.

In his youth he had been active in politics. Born in Barbézieux, the son of a small tradesman, he became a convinced socialist.

He adhered to the Communist Party when it was formed in 1920 and stayed with it for a few five years. Later he was to return to the Socialist Party and after 1945 he was one of its most eminent supporters.

Labrousse always said that it was by family tradition, lay and Jacobin, that he was in favour of the French Revolution. His grandfather had been a republican under the Second Empire.

He believed that it was in this national and revolu*tionary tradition that he* played his role in the Resistance movement during the Second World War.

It was *appropriate*, therefore, that he should have been made the first president of the Commission of Historical Research set up *in in France in* 1983 to prepare for the bicentenary of the Revolution.

THE MARQUESS of DUFFERIN and AVA

The Hon Jacob Rothschild and Mr Neil MacGregor write:
May we as the chairman of the Trustees and Director of the National Gallery add to the obituary notice (May 31)?

In the field of the arts, Sheridan Dufferin was a public servant in the high aristocratic tradition. He had *been a trustee of the* Wallace Collection since 1973 and of the National Gallery since 1981.

To both institutions he brought a discerning eye for quality and, in particular, for the setting in which pictures and objects might be displayed to greatest advantage.

Whenever a painting was considered for acquisition at the National Gallery, Sheridan's opinion carried special weight, and he played an important part in the discussion concerning the refurbishment of the Wallace Collection in 1981.

He was, therefore, a natural choice for the National Galleries Committee to choose the architect for the Sainsbury wing and to steer it through its design stages. In the complicated negotiations following Mr Getty's generous gift to the National Gallery, Sheridan played a key role in setting up the administrative structures and served as a director of the American Friends of the National Gallery.

It was easy to be misled by Sheridan's quietness, but *those who worked with him* were quickly aware of the determination with which he held to decisions once reached, and the flair which animated his dealing, his collecting, and his exhibitions — most notably perhaps that of British sporting art.

Sheridan Dufferin's illness was a slow and painful one, in his case lasting for nearly two years. Throughout supported by his wife Lindy he behaved with a courage and perseverance which were inspiring.

At the most difficult meetings he always appeared unruffled, faintly amused even.

VICTOR WILLING

Victor Willing, the artist, died yesterday, aged 60.

After a highly-praised exhibition at the Hanover Gallery in 1955 Willing left England to live in Portugal, and though he continued to paint he remained for many years dissatisfied with his work and did not exhibit it.

Some while after returning to England he felt that he had found himself artistically.

He gained considerable renown in recent years, especially with the large retrospective exhibition held at the Whitechapel Gallery in 1986, which astonished by the poetry, and the intellectual force of the later paintings.

This partly expressed itself through his unfailing and individual colour sense, also observable in the many beautiful drawings.

The son of a professional soldier, Victor Willing was born in Alexandria on January 15, 1928, and although he left there when he was very young he thought later that the light from sun and sand had imprinted itself on his mind.

His father's postings led to his being variously educated, but his later school years were spent at the Royal Grammar *School, Guildford*.

After National Service in the Royal Artillery (1946-48), and a year at Guildford Art School, he was for four years at the Slade, contemporaneously with William Coldstream's first years as professor there; with fellow students of that talented period who included Euan Uglow, Michael Andrews and Keith Sutton; and with the earlier activities of art critics Andrew Forge and David Sylvester, all of whom became his friends.

His first *marriage (1951)* to Hazel Whittington was dissolved. His later marriage to the artist Paula Rego brought him great happiness and he was an admirer and wrote perceptively of her work.

She, their son and two daughters survive him.

MR ANDREW HARDING

Sir Philip de Zulueta writes:
Mr Andrew Harding, who died on May 15, aged 63, deserves a mention in your columns because of his important role in the recent reorganization of Church House and in the current appeal for the spire of Salisbury Cathedral.

He was for six years senior partner of his well-known firm of solicitors where he combined the long and honoured tradition of the family solicitor with quite outstanding human sympathy.

Eton, the Grenadiers and New College, Oxford, provided a conventional background and Andrew indeed epitomized all the professional competence and personal understanding hoped for in his calling.

He added, however, a unique commitment to the welfare of his clients and their families, all of whom from the young to the old also became *his friends*.

Andrew's strong Christian faith gave him the strength to live with such courage through the long period of heart weakness, which ultimately caused his death.

As he never married he had, typically, installed a family of young cousins in his Wiltshire house, where they will continue to uphold his honourable tradition.

JUSTICE U CHAN HTOON

A. R. K. M. writes:
News of the death of Justice U Chan Htoon at his home in Rangoon on May 16, will bring back many memories to those associated with the final years of British rule in Burma

Although a leader of the nationalist cause, he was a firm believer *in Burmese-*British amity.

As legal advisor to the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom *League, and advisor to the* Constituent Assembly, he was a chief architect of Burma's constitution and played a prominent part in the Nu-Attlee negotiations in London which led to the birth of the Union of Burma.

He became the first Attorney General and later held office as Acting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, until the court itself was abolished by the present military regime in 1962.

He was then held as a political prisoner for four years and after his release devoted himself entirely to the cause of Buddhism.

Peter Lühr, one of Germany's leading character actors, has died in Munich, aged 82. He had been a member of the Kammerspiele, the city-owned theatre, since 1947.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Praise the Lord: for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
Psalm 135 : 3

BIRTHS

ACKLAND - On June 1st. 1988 to Julie (née Hill) and Michael, a son, Thomas Stephen William, a brother for Keely Lorraine.

ALONZO - On May 27th, 1988 to Phillipa (née Beatson-Hird) and Albert, a daughter Camilla Frances, a sister for Antonia

BAILHACHE - On May 26th, 1988 in Jersey, to Linda (née Le Vavasseur dit Durell) and Philip, a daughter, Alice.

BAPTISTE - On Monday May 30th 1988, at Kings College Hospital, London, to Tamsin (née Taylor) and Harry, a son, Festus Samuel.

BATES - On May 30th, at Basildon Hospital to Mary (née Weavers) and Andy, a daughter, Sally Angela.

BECKETT - On May 26th, to Deborah Beckett and Timothy Bottomley, a son, Joseph.

BELLIS - On May 29th, 1988, to Lindsey (née Fry) and Tim, a son, Matthew Robert, a brother for Thomas.

BIRD - On May 31st, to Emma and Anthony, a beautiful son, Freddie, stillborn.

CATLIN - On May 11th, 1988, to Christine (née Johnson) and Robin, a daughter, Rebecca Mary.

CATTO - On May 19th 1988, to Lizzie and Alex, a daughter, Charlotte Isabel Gordon, a sister for Thomas and Alastair.

CAVENDISH - On June 1st, 1988 to Frances and Ned Cavendish, a daughter.

COWAN - On May 29th, 1988 to Gilly (née Davidson), and David, a son, Christopher David, a brother to Jonathan.

DUNN - On May 29th, 1988 to Ann and Vivian, a daughter, Katherine (Katie), a sister for Caroline.

ELLIS - On May 28th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Kathryn and Robert, a son, James Rollo.

GAISFORD - On May 22nd, 1988, to Sarah (née Hudley), and James, a son, William James Cullman.

HIGGINS HANBURY - On May 20th, 1988 to Celia, wife of Daniel Higgins Hanbury, a daughter.

HOLMES - On May 2nd, 1988 in San Francisco, Emily Rachel, a sister for Edward.

JONES - On June 1st, 1988, to Chris and Liz (née Hallam), a daughter, Anne-Marie, a sister for Michael. Ephesians 3 v 20-21.

LANFREDINI - On May 23rd, 1988 in Rome to Julia (née Matthews) and Mauro, a daughter Chiara, a sister for Sara

LEGRAND - On May 24th 1988, at Guildford, to Stella (née Baldgio) and Charles, a son, Philip Christopher, a brother for Christian Alexander.

LYON - On May 17th, 1988 to Judith and Derek, a son, Christopher James

MASSEY - On May 31st, 1988 at the Portland Hospital, to Florella (née Coen) and Stephen, a daughter, Lucia Daniela.

MCDOUGALL - On May 27th at St Richard's Chichester, to Debbie (née Finn) and Alec, a son, Maximillian.

MOSELEY - On May 30th, 1988 to Kathryn (née McLean) and Dominic, a son, James William Sheridan.

PANNICK - On May 23rd, 1988 to Denise (née Sloam) and David, a daughter, Shula Rosalind Claire, a sister for Samuel and Joel.

RANK - On May 13th to Esther and Michael, a daughter, Julia Hope Frances.

SHENKMAN - On May 30th, 1988 at St Marys Hospital, Paddington to Jet (née Maider) and Gregory, a daughter Emma Elizabeth

SINGLETON - On May 23rd, 1988 to Alexandra (née Lapot) and Tim, a daughter, Isabel India Grace.

SKINNER - On June 1st, 1988, at West Middlesex Hospital, to Joanna (née Vardill) and John, a daughter, Eleanor Louise Rachael, a sister for Robert and Thomas.

SLACK - On May 24th, to Emma (née Glossop) and Jono, a son, Saul, a brother for Silas and Simeon.

TREVELYAN THOMAS - On May 30th 1988, to Clare (née Vernon) and Nigel, a son, Oliver

WELLINGTON - On May 26th, 1988 at the Royal Sussex County Hospital Brighton, to Fiona and John, a son Jolyon.

MARRIAGES

LAMBERT-JONES - On Saturday May 14th, 1988 at St Nicholas Church, Ickford, Bucks. Graham John Lambert of Nuneaton to Sarah Elisa Jones of Ickford.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On May 29th, 1988 after a long illness bravely borne, at St Catherines, Alderley, Channel Islands. Joyce Allen (née Impey) M.B.E. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Alderley Branch.

BEATTIE - On May 31st, 1988 peacefully at the Borders General Hospital, Victoria Isabella Romanes widow of John Beattie last surviving child of James Adams and most beloved aunt of Graham. Funeral at Shawfield Cemetary, Selkirk today Friday June 3rd at 1.00pm. No flowers please.

von BERLEPSCH - On Sunday morning May 29th 1988, peacefully in her home Gunild, Freifrau von Berlepsch. Dearly loved teacher and friend to many. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip on Thursday June 9th at 11.15am (West Chapel). Flowers or donations to the Michael Sobell House c/o E. Spark Ltd, 104 Pinner Rd, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1BS.

BOWLES - On June 1st, peacefully in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Phillippa (née Shorter) of Sutton, Norfolk, formerly of Loughton, Essex. Wife of the late Brian, beloved and loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. The funeral service will be held at St Michael's Church, Sutton, on Tuesday, June 7th at 3.30 pm. followed by cremation at St Faith's Crematorium, near Norwich, at 4.30pm. Enquiries and flowers (sprays only please) to Murrell Cork & Brothers Ltd. Funeral Directors, Mundesley Road, North Walsham, Norfolk. Tel North Walsham 402069.

CHADBURN - On May 31st, 1988 peacefully. Paul, aged 86, much loved father of Katharine and Susan. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Chiswick, on Tuesday, June 7th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to Sanders, Barnes High St. London, SW13.

CLAY - On June 1st, 1988, suddenly, at home, Charles J. J., aged 78 years, husband of Patricia, father of Jennifer, Anthony and Lisa and grandfather of Nicholas, Caroline, Charlie, Birdie, Ollie, and Vicky. Greatly loved. Funeral Service at St.Mary and All Saints Church, Dunsfold, Surrey, on Tuesday, June 7th, at 11.30 a.m., followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o. J. Gorringe & Son, Funeral Directors, 55, Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey. Tel (04868) 6405.

CLAYTON - On May 31st, Hilda Faith, aged 82, widow of Colonel W.D. Clayton. The Green Howards, beloved mother of Pauline, peacefully at her daughter's home in St Albans. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium on Tuesday June 7th, at 2 pm. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to the Battersea Dogs Home, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8.

COMBER - On June 1st, peacefully in hospital, Mary Graham, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. P. O. Comber of Hutton, Essex, a dearly loved sister and friend. Requiem and funeral at All Saints Church, Blackheath, SE3 on Thursday June 9th at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please.

CRABB - On June 1st 1988, after a valiant fight, aged 73, peacefully, Commander John Stuart Lawson Crabb, Royal Navy. Funeral at All Saints, Barwon Heads, Victoria, Australia. Friday 3rd June. Step-father Nux Morris, 39 Winston Drive, Doncaster, 3108, Victoria, Australia.

DINWIDDIE - On June 1st. 1988 after an illness fought with great courage, in Edinburgh, James Melville OBE, dearly beloved husband of Tessa and loving father of Rebecca and Sophie. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Holy Corner, Morningside Rd, Edinburgh on Tuesday June 7th at 2.30 pm. All welcome. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Relief or Cancer Research.

ELKINGTON - On June 1st 1988, at Skyborry, Kathleen Mary (Kitty) aged 92, devoted wife of the late George Elkington and much loved mother and grandmother.

FAIRCLOUGH - On May 5th, at home, in her 89th year, Wilhelmina Mac Donald, beloved wife of the late Dr. J.H. Fairclough, and loving mother of Donald and Christine.

GERRARD - On May 30th 1988, at her home, Beecroft, Australia, Margaret Helen, aged 59 years. Dearly loved mother of Alistair, Robert (deceased), David, Pauline and Andrew. With Christ. Memory Eternal.

IRWIN - On May 30th, 1988 at home, Momo, beloved wife of the late Lt. Colonel N.L.C. Irwin (Jim), dearly loved aunt of Gerard, Penny, and Lyn. Service at St.Mary's Church, Holton-St-Mary, on Tuesday, June 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers, or donations for St.Mary's Church, to Funeral Service, 10 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

KREEGER - On June 1st, 1988 Dr Irving Seymour Kreeger, Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Funeral at 10am Friday June 3rd at Bushey Cemetery of the United Synagogue. Strictly no flowers please. Donations if desired, to Jewish Blind Society

LORT-PHILLIPS - On May 31st, 1988 Peregrine, beloved husband of Lamorna, adored father of Napoleon and Venetia, much loved stepfather of Caroline and devoted son of Vi. Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's Church, Breamore near Fordingbridge, Hampshire, at noon on Monday June 6th. Family flowers only but if desired, donations to the Renal Fund, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH. C/O Dr A J Wing. A Thanksgiving Service in London will be announced later.

LUTWYCHE - On May 31st, 1988 Eve peacefully in hospital. Cremation at 12 noon at Putney Vale crematorium on Tuesday June 7th. Flowers or donations sent to Cancer Research, C/O Frederick W Paine Limited, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, London SW20.

NORTON - On May 29th, 1988 peacefully at home, in her 87th year, Doris Ann, loving wife of the late Frederick Raymond, and beloved mother of John and Rosemary and beloved grandmother. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Woodcote Grove Road, Coulsdon, Surrey at 1.45 pm on Monday, 6th June, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Truelove's, 109 Stafford Rd, Wallington, Surrey.

ODDY - On May 31st, 1988 peacefully at Tunbridge Wells, Mary Eileen Oddy, OBE, late of Highgate and Brighton. Funeral private. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Help the Aged, c/o E. R. Hickmott and Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

ROBERTS - On Thursday June 2nd, peacefully, Brian Richard, aged 81. Much loved husband of Dora, father of Christopher and grandfather of Elaine. Joined the Daily Telegraph in 1939, Editor Sunday Telegraph, 1965 to '76. The funeral will take place next week (date as yet undecided) at The Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Further enquiries to R Jarvis (Undertakers) Tel: Heathfield 2833.

SALTER - On June 1st 1988, Edith Isabella, peacefully at the County Hospital Hereford, beloved mother of David, Elizabeth, Louise and Vicky. Funeral Service at Tupsley Church Hereford at 10.45 on June 7th 1988. Flowers to Dawe Brothers, Westfaling Street, Hereford.

SINCLAIR - On May 28th, peacefully in Cuckfield Hospital, John, dear husband of Peggy and father of Anthony. Funeral service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Wednesday June 8th at 11.30 am. No flowers, but donations if desired for the R.N.L.I., c/o Frank Davey & Co. 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint. Tel: 0273 832179.

SYER - On June 1st in a Harrogate Nursing Home, late of Budleigh Salterton, Marjorie Lelia, beloved wife of the late William George Syer C.V.O., C.B.E., O.S.D.J. Colonial Police Jamaica, Nigeria and Sierra Leonoe. Funeral Service private. No flowers. Donations in Memory of Mrs Syer for Doctor Barnados together with enquiries may be forwarded to W. Bowers Funeral Service, Harrogate 770288.

TRAVERS - On May 30th, 1988, Capt. Patrick A.Travers of Nyatandi Lodge, Piers Road, Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOORMAN - A memorial service will be held for Edward Charles Boorman in Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge on Friday 17th June at 12 noon.

HUGHES - Rev H Trevor, Westminster College, Oxford will celebrate the contribution to its life of the Rev Trevor Hughes in a Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday June 11th at 2.30 pm in the College Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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It is not evident whether it would be easier for Martians to understand the human race if they could look inside our heads, or if they merely tried from a distance to find consistent patterns in our behaviour.

In an interview, spliced into the recording of her playing with perspiring majesty live at Ronnie Scott's, in *The Late Shift* (Channel 4), the out-of-this-world Nina Simone bemused us by revealing that she was "a space child:" "I just come from God. I think I said that clear enough and I do want to get married."

On Tuesday, *Tumbledown* gave a painfully personal perspective to the Falklands War by looking inside, often only too literally, the head of Robert Lawrence. Last night, in the final episode of *An Ocean Apart*, (BBC1), we were given a global view of that campaign as the extent of the United States' great and immediate support for Britain was revealed.

"It's only your war if you were dying out there," said one American official poignantly, even though he had no doubt of the vital importance of American help.

***What was striking about the* Falklands discussions was that most of the talking heads were American. Talking American heads, whether from Government or the military, do not always boost our faith in human rationality (especially when they are kissing and telling out of office).**

But the contributors, including *even that torturer of the spoken* word, Larry Speakes, were lucid and, above all, informative. By comparison, the irritable costiveness of British government secrecy seems to be a symptom of a closing society.

***Timewatch* (BBC2), gave some insight into the history of that secrecy with its film about Jack Dancy. He, against orders, kept a written record of his training as a British spy in the First World War.**

The programme itself, however, was much better at telling us that it was going to give us information than giving it – particularly about Dancy's work as an informer in a hospital which was reluctant to *send soldiers back to the front.* When he got married, though, his wife soon stopped him being a "spook."

Andrew Hislop

David Robinson remains unconvinced by Peter Yates's new courtroom drama

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Playboy meets attorney: Dennis Quaid and Cher conferring in *Suspect*

In Suspect, Peter Yates, a director with a gift for storytelling, is in combat with a screenplay (by Eric Roth) packed with clichés and implausibilities. The initial challenge to credulity is the casting of spectacular Cher as a dedicated Washington public defence lawyer: it may be a *mark of her own* disbelief that she plays it with a lack of expression in striking contrast to her vitality in *Moonstruck*.

On the point of leaving for vacation, the lawyer is handed a hopeless case: a Vietnam veteran whose battlefront traumas have turned him into a violent, aggressive deaf-mute, now charged with murder. Any filmgoer would know at once that someone with the cards so stacked against him must be innocent; but the film is all about Cher's desperate battle to exonerate him, not helped by the remarkable ineptness of the legal system and its practitioners, as depicted in the film.

Cher receives unexpected help from a jury member (Dennis Quaid), a playboy Washington lobbyist who, being a great deal smarter than anyone else around, puts in some dogged detective work to clear the accused and uncover the real criminal. The difficulties are compounded, and the drama and romance incidentally generated, since his status as juror officially precludes communication with Cher as defence lawyer.

Peter Yates papers over the deficiencies of the story with some stylish (sometimes overly so) shooting in Washington locations, and a well-orchestrated, if highly improbable, action finale. The main compensation, though, is *Dennis Quaid who manages to be* charming, persuasive and complex, even in a character whose motives for apparently uncharacteristic altruism remain obscure.

Vera Belmont's **Rouge Baiser** is evidently based on autobiographical reminiscence. Her adolescent heroine, Nadia, is the child of poor Polish-Jewish refugees in Paris, and has been brought up in fervent Marxist faith and (this is 1952) unquestioning worship of the deified Stalin.

Bright, wilful and curious, the 15-year-old Nadia discovers that life is more complex than the earnest discourses of her comrades in the Young Communist cell admit it to be. She falls in love with a *Paris-Match* photographer (Lambert Wilson) who is older, with a passion for jazz and existentialism and far from her political faith.

Then her mother's old lover (*perhaps Nadia's own father*) returns from exile in the Soviet Union, with tales, indignantly rejected by the Parisian Comrades – of Stalin's labour camps. Nadia has a lot to learn.

The atmosphere of the period, the intolerance of *the Gaullist era*, the tight emigré-political community, are recreated with care and conviction; and the acting is formidable.

The débutante Charlotte Valandrey beautifully captures the vulnerable moment between childhood and maturity and Nadia's sudden shifts from little girl wilfulness to very *grown up desire*.

Lambert Wilson, who has become one of France's best actors, skilfully conveys the cynical photographer's struggle to resist emotional commitment; and Marta Keller and Laurent Terzieff are touching in their recollections of a frustrated long-ago romance.

The film's fault is to try to pack in far too much: the political story, or Nadia's love story, or her parents' story, would each have been material enough for a whole film: all together it is distinctly indigestible.

It is a fault perhaps not surprising in a director who has made only two films in eight years. Vera Belmont's last picture, *Prisonniers de Mao* (1977) dealt with another aspect of Marxist disenchantment, the victims of totalitarianism in China of the 1950s.

Now China, along with much of the rest of the socialist world, is dedicated to the process of cauterizing the black years of recent history; and a new Chinese film, **Hibiscus Town**, treats the same subject.

Adapted from a novel which first appeared in 1982, the film was China's biggest box office success of last year.*It observes the* political abuses and oppresssions of the Mao years from the grassroots, a little group of people in a small town in South Hunnan.

The young heroine is a model of thrift and self-reliance, running a bean-curd store and in good standing with the tolerant local party secretary, who is in any case an old flame.

With Mao's "Four Cleanups" campaign of 1964, however, she is condemned and ostracized as a "Rich Peasant" (an ironic misnomer). The upheavals of the Cultural Revolution of 1966 bring power-shifts among the bureaucratic establishment, but no let-up in the sufferings of the heroine, who is reduced to sweeping the streets.

This is an uncompromising picture of the oppression and terror that results when petty power is assumed by people who are by nature mean, bullying, jealous, self-righteous busy-bodies with a pleasure in power.

There is a sinister irony about the end of the story: after 1979 and the fall of the Gang of Four, the heroine, and survivors like her, are rehabilitated; yet the same woman bureaucrat who has been the deliberate instrument of all her misery still retains the same position in the Party.

As a document on Chinese history, *Hibiscus Town* is fascinating, but as a film its accomplishment is uneven. The director Xie Jin is a veteran (born 1923 and the director of the admired *Two Stage Sisters*) with strong theatrical leanings.

The performances and staging tend to the theatrical, with excesses of sentimentality in the flashbacks to the heroine's idyllic days gone by. The attractive good looks of the players, too, seem remarkably untouched by 16 years of suffering.

Back in the black

ALLAN TITMUSS

Richard Williams on the decision to pay reasonable royalties to the performers, now often forgotten, on some of the best known pop records of the past 30 years



No reward for hits: Nina Simone

Nina Simone arrived for her concerts in London this week, still complaining about the absence of financial reward from her 30-year-old recording of "My Baby Just Cares For Me", recently high in the charts after being used for a television advertisement for Chanel perfume. Now *Miss Simone*, and many others, will be delighted to hear of a settlement recently reached in the United States.

Under the terms of an historic deal announced by Atlantic Records, 35 veteran rhythm and blues performers will have their royalties re-calculated, and "negative balances" erased from their ledgers.

In an age when the Paul McCartneys and Bruce Springsteens of the world can negotiate deals ensuring them royalties of one fifth of the retail price of their discs, why should performers of an earlier vintage continue to be disadvantaged by the fact that they were induced to sign agreements bringing even the most fortunate of them less than a tenth of that figure, and in many cases nothing at all?

Among those affected by the Atlantic deal will be stars of the Fifties and Sixties whose fortunes have waned since their heyday. Singers such as Lavern Baker and Wilson Pickett and vocal groups including the Drifters and the Clovers *stand to benefit from an* unexpected payday. The estates of several deceased artists, including Otis Redding should also benefit.

Atlantic, founded in the 1940s by Ahmet Ertegun, the son of a sometime Turkish ambassador to Britain and the United States, built its reputation on a love and understanding of black popular music. Although the label could never be accused of exploiting black musicians in the way that some of its competitors did, clearly its conscience has been troubled by the pleadings of some of the artists whose music made – and, thanks to reissues continues to make – fortunes for Ertegun and his associates.

Sam Moore, half of the duo Sam and Dave, whose mid-Sixties soul hits included "Hold On, I'm Comin' " and "Soul Man", recently discovered that, according to statements calculating advances and expenses against royalties, he and his partner, Dave Prater (who died in a car crash earlier this year), were said to owe Atlantic more than $100,000, despite the constant repackaging of their material, and although Moore claimed not to *have* received a royalty statement since 1968.

Now the debt has been cancelled, and there is the promise of new earnings, backdated to 1970. A relieved Moore put Atlantic's gesture into perspective, telling *Variety*, the show-business newspaper: "I'm thrilled Atlantic has realized they have a responsibility morally and *financially to this* class of artists. There are so many of us out there who can't even get arrested, much less get bookings. This will at least help some of the people pay some of the bills. I'm elated – but, my God, what took them so long?"

As if to acknowledge its tardiness, Atlantic has not only made a first lump payment of $250,000 to the lawyer representing the artists, but has also agreed to put up around $2 million to fund a Rhythm and Blues Foundation which will make grants to performers who have fallen on hard times. Ahmet Ertegun, songwriter Doc Pomus, critic Dave Marsh and actor Dan Aykroyd are *among the board members.*

As long as it took Atlantic to begin the repayment of its moral debts, it may take other companies forever. In many cases, the ownership of recordings has changed hands several times; sales ledgers and royalty statements, their figures suspect even at the best of times, may conveniently have been lost in the constant shuffling. In the Forties and Fifties in particular, recording contracts were written almost wholly in favour of the companies.

Atlantic's gesture may be too late to help Dave Prater, but scores of one-hit wonders across America, people who found themselves back pumping gasoline only a year or two after topping the charts, will see in it a glimpse of the justice they had long ago given up expecting. Even the dolorous Miss Simone might cheer up a bit.

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Winnie
Victoria Palace

In June 1945, the head of ENSA had the bright idea of requisitioning a roofless Potsdam theatre and laying on a show called *Winnie*, performed by some roving Shakespearians and a group called "Doris and the Daisies", with which to greet Winston Churchill on his triumphal return from *winning the general election.*

We all know what that unfortunate event led to: and one of the casualties of the Labour landslide was this experimental Bardic legshow. Perhaps it was ahead of its time.

But all was not lost: at least in the view of Robin Hardy (my source for the above information), who has tried to reconstruct the kind of event *Winnie* might have been in its last stage of rehearsal before the British electorate put the boot in.

The Daisies are there in force (with a strapping Doris in the person of Toni Palmer), much cheesed off at having to impersonate Harrovian choristers under the Shakespearian baton of Frank Thornton; but all eating out of the hand of Robert Hardy, who doubles as their director (the actor-manager Jack Craven) and as the old bulldog himself.

Hardy's Churchill is the only reason for seeing this lamentable musical. Apart from exaggerating his choleric complexion and sticking out his underlip, Hardy does not attempt physical resemblance. What he does offer is the combination of tremendous energy and surprise timing.

The Churchillian slurs and half cadences are faithfully reproduced: but, even in speeches that are as familiar as old tunes, he electrifies you with abrupt volcanic emphases, descents from swelling oratory into Falstaffian personal detail, and the combination of an uncompromising declaration with an interrogatory glare. What he and his model share is the power to create space around them and have fun, no matter how crushing the circumstances.

This performance arises in solitary splendour in a production (by Albert Marre) which squanders its opportunities in a three-hour catalogue of patriotic clichés that would have looked hoary even to Festival of Britain audiences. Instead of exploiting the Shakespeare-vaudeville collision, the author simply takes it as a pretext for presenting a show as ramshackle and padded as an ENSA original.

Virginia McKenna appears among the Shakespearians, but only for the purpose of achieving a brief sentimental reunion with Mr Hardy; as a former Mrs Craven, and as Churchill's wife – bringing to both roles an identical ladylike

DONALD COOPER



Tremendous energy and timing: Robert Hardy as Winston Churchill

forbearance, with much reliance on the brave little smile and choked-back catch in the throat.

They would not have put that on at Potsdam. Nor, for that matter, a "black dog" scene with *Churchill confessing to his fears of* Britain's defeat.

Even so, these scenes are quite welcome, in comparison with the interminable, poorly choreographed, rehashes of wartime favourites, with "I'm going to get lit up" occasioning a cockney knees-up among the Underground bed-rolls, and "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" shedding its magic over the Café de Paris, before a bomb goes down the air duct. Historically sad, but a welcome event on Tuesday night.

Irving Wardle

The Rainbow
Old Red Lion

Empty Space Theatre Company won high praise for its adaptation of *The Aspern Papers* last year and now follows it with a piece very different in style and scope. This is not a work confined to a small area, short time scale and three characters but D.H. Lawrence's family novel, ranging over 50 years and taking in three generations of the Brangwens, several friends, colleagues, uncles; yet performed by a company of four.

The ingenious staging is also economical in physical resources: a circular tarpaulin, two chairs, a ladder and two wooden structures, resembling squeezed easels. But, in its reliance upon mime and the telling gesture, the production's resources are infinite.

The sensitive lighting plan, by Ron Hollis, speeds the shift of location from farmhouse to stable, music hall to rainy street, though the cast may take only a pace or two to mark the change, or even stay where they are, while one of them announces that a baby has now been born or a Boer War come and gone.

Searching for the underlying theme – which argues for the erotic, but how, exactly? – I found myself at a loss. In each generation there is a character who chafes at the confines of life.

Tom has a vision of educated gentility that might take him beyond the farm; his stepdaughter Anna glories in adolescent love; Ursula finds some mystical approval in a rainbow after bouncing herself through a passion for a soldier, a lesbian crush and a miscarriage.

Though individual scenes are finely managed, the ligaments that would join and articulate them are absent. Sexual joys decline into marital peevishness but sometimes clamber back again: it is unclear why.

So, Andrew Holmes's adaptation misses the novel's argument, but his direction brings out quality cameo performances from his cast. Philip O'Sullivan plays a range of overgrown bear cubs and Tim Pemberton three generations of meaner spirits.

But it is the actresses, as you would expect, who have a chance to let rip with the rhapsodies: Kathleen Campbell providing the graver mystical experience, Tara Dominick in the impulsive, child-of-nature episodes, enchanting when as a nervous child she introduces herself to suspicious pigs, a pagan force when she glories in her pregnancy, dancing in a red sun.

Impressive in its parts, uncertain in purpose.

Jeremy Kingston

Cello conversation

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli
Festival Hall

Heinrich Schiff is a musician whose playing "talks": rather than seduces with polished long phrases, he finds speech-like inflexions in the solo line and brings a conversational vitality to cello-orchestra exchanges.

His rapid rising and falling dynamics and sudden changes in tone would be easy to caricature, but then so it is with many characterful interpreters; the important thing was that at no stage in his performance of the Schumann Cello Concerto did he fall into mannerism. The narrative element was never allowed to degenerate into melodrama or unmusical rhetoric.

Particularly impressive was the way Schiff handled the central slow movement: the initial confidential half-whisper gradually giving way to a more direct impassioned manner. But, if the style of address was confessional, it was confession with an end in view.

Schiff may highlight subtle changes of meaning within a phrase, but he is always aware of the direction the music should be taking. His Schumann is consistently firm of purpose – a little too much so? Perhaps certain passages do need *more time to* expand.

The warmth of the Philharmonia's response was encouraging after their playing of Schubert's Fifth Symphony under Giuseppe Sinopoli. A well mannered and poised performance, by no means lacking in clarity or vitality, it nevertheless failed to achieve the necessary generosity and tonal fullness demanded by the Andante; nor was it quite up to Schubert's Con Moto: a faster pace could, paradoxically, have added force to Sinopoli's phrasing.

But Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony was entirely enjoyable: crisply articulate, athletic, sympathetically phrased and responsive to Mendelssohn's many imaginative touches of orchestration. But his Mendelssohn showed that he is capable of inspiring total commitment, even in a work the Philharmonia ought to be able to play in its sleep.

Stephen Johnson

London Classical Players/Norrington
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Not since Klemperer's day has a Beethoven orchestral cycle raised as palpable a sense of occasion in a London concert hall as Roger Norrington's with the London Classical Players has done. Last *night the series ended with a* performance of the Seventh Symphony that had tremendous thrust, a feeling of discovery through simplicity, and – best of all – a touch of real wildness, such as must have possessed the creator of this extraordinary music when he consigned it to paper.

It may be argued that the Seventh ideally suits Norrington, with his unflagging capacity to drive hard through a movement without distraction, and his penchant for tympani that are attacked with violence and brass players who blow like the Last Trump. There is, for instance, nothing in the Seventh that requires the subtle shaping of lyrical paragraphs demanded by the Ninth's Adagio (a movement which, significantly, caused Norrington his most unconvincing moments in the series). Yet the Seventh's Andante, though begun by the lower strings like a tank *engine, flowed from this guttural* genesis into considerable eloquence.

The Scherzo surprised most: brilliantly clean, swift and explosive initially, but controversially galloping through the Trio too. One understood Norrington's attempt to maintain a pulse relationship with the Scherzo, but some of the rhythms lost precision.

***It was an evening of instru*mental virtuosity. The Seventh's unrelenting momentum tests any orchestra; the London Classical Players, aside from the odd untuneful woodwind chording early on, met every challenge superbly. Earlier, too, Melvyn Tan played Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto with exceptional grace, and admirable adherence to the written articulations.**

Occasionally the fortepiano's passage work drifted far into the background, but generally the LCP's playing had a chamber-like understanding and scale. I cannot believe that Beethoven would have tinkled the ivories quite so delicately himself, yet Tan's lilting reading was entirely persuasive.

Now Norrington, Tan and company move on to "Schubert and the Early Romantics". Bruckner by the mid-1990s?

Richard Morrison

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Concentrated vocal triumph

Jenufa
The Place

OPERA

Seven singers and a pianist concentrate the emotions as well as the imagination, in a version of Janáček's opera first devised for Scottish Opera Go Round, to take to small communities the length and breadth of Scotland. So successful was this, that it has been briefly revised to come south of the border, to the Brighton Festival, and the London International Opera Festival, of which it must be counted a major highlight.

Obviously, the reduction of Janáček's vivid sense of instrumental colour to a single keyboard, entails some musical compromise, but it is entirely valid because the deeply poignant yet somehow ennobling drama still acquires its impact from and through the music. Brenda Hurley's skilled playing of a candle-sconced upright incorporated into Ashley Martin-Davies's set design adds to the domestic directness of character as an integral element.

It changes the nature of our involvement with the stage characters, thrusting them more closely into our consciousness and inviting a sharper, keener response of feeling. Matthew Richardson's direction has an eye for the placing of characters in the box-like set, those not immediately engaged sitting in view across the back with one or other lightly drumming the recurring rhythm of the turning mill wheel.

In the title role, Virginia Kerr adds an expressive vocal freshness to her tall, graceful presence, the livid scar inflicted on Jenufa's cheek, reinforcing the dignity with which she comes to terms with her foster mother's infanticide. Linda McLeod, running to warm chilled hands after her terrible trip to the frozen river with the baby, sang the tragic Kostelnicka with deeply moving shifts of character and range of tone.

Colin McKerracher's weak-willed yet sympathetic Steva contrasted with Paul Strathearn's vocally over-forceful Laca, and there was resourceful, well-sung support from Menai Davies (grand-mother Buryja), Norman White doubling the Miller and Mayor, and Mary Clarke as Barena/Karolka.

This is vernacular opera in the best sense. Further performances tonight and on Saturday. Next season, believe it or not, there's a seven-a-side *Don Carlos*!

Noël Goodwin

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FRIDAY PAGE

Keeping an eye on the box

As the sex and violence debate rages

Liz Gill examines a parental dilemma

The ITN newscaster Carol Barnes spends much of her professional life watching footage of death and destruction from every corner of the world. At home she finds herself agonizing over whether to let the children watch *Jaws*.

It is a dilemma echoed in countless homes, where domestic versions of the great sex and violence television debate currently engaging the new Broadcasting Standards Council are played out every day. Unlike the council, a parent's watchdog role usually includes quantity as well as quality.

Research into the subject can confuse as much as enlighten. An IBA survey earlier this year found that a 60 per cent majority thought there was too much violence on television yet were hard pressed to be specific. *The A-Team*, regularly condemned by campaigners, was seen as harmless entertainment by three out of four. The same survey revealed that 90 per cent thought parents should take greater care over their children's viewing.

There is, of course, an inevitable gap between theory and practice. Clare Byrne, a director of the Children's Research Unit, recalls one study which discovered that mothers underestimated children's viewing time and over-estimated parental-child interaction.

"It's not a deliberate attempt to mislead, it's more an idealized view — especially higher up the socio-economic scale," she says. "They like to think their children are reading or playing the piano when in fact they've got up early to watch *Batman*."

Carol Barnes recognizes the problem: "I know they'll sneak back in to watch *EastEnders* when they're supposed to be going to bed."

She tries to limit viewing to an hour a day during the week and perhaps double that at weekends, and has no real taboos. "If something upsets me then I don't really want them to see it. Things that worry me most are programmes like *The A-Team* because you cannot see the repercussions and violence, that if you blast guns people get hurt. I do let them watch the early evening news. I think if they're going to see violence it might as well be real."

Sarah Boardman, an educational psychologist and mother of four daughters aged between 15 months and seven, has one firm rule about television: they are not allowed to switch on any of the family's three sets without asking. She is happy enough about an hour's worth of children's programmes to relax them at the end of a school day, but after that she begins to get uneasy.

"It's mainly because so much of the stuff seems such very low quality. It seems a waste of time. They love *Neighbours*, for instance, which strikes me as dreadful, but I'd be in terrible trouble if I banned it.

"But I wouldn't want them to watch *EastEnders*, partly because they should be in bed and partly because I don't want to have to keep explaining things that may be too adult and too complex. I'm most concerned about programmes that link sex and violence."

Professionally she has seen scores of children with behavioural problems. "I don't think in general television can be held responsible for children's actions, but disturbed children who have less ability to distinguish between reality and fantasy are more susceptible."

Sheila Watters has seen plenty of victims of violence and sexual abuse, as a police sergeant in one of Glasgow's toughest areas and a former member of Strathclyde's female and child unit. She has also seen homes where the television set blared forth from morning until night. She makes no direct link between the two, but prefers to err on the side of caution with her own seven-year-old daughter, Gillian, who watches about an hour a day and on Saturday mornings.

"She really likes *Neighbours*, it's a big thing at school. It seems harmless nonsense. Apart from that, she likes the children's programmes and the cartoons, which strike me as incredibly violent. It's difficult to know what children will like sometimes. For instance she loved *A Passage to India* so much she watched it again on the video. I encourage her to watch wildlife programmes but in one, *The Flight of the Condor*, she was very upset when a baby deer got killed."

Rosie Barnes, the SDP MP for Greenwich, worries less about television now with her three-year-old son Joseph than she did when Danny, aged 15, and Daisy, aged 12, were small.

She says: "The only real rule is that they mustn't watch something violent while Joseph is around. Danny is old enough to make his own rules and he seems pretty sensitive and sensible. And my daughter is very selective. She likes *EastEnders*, *Neighbours*, *Girls on Top*, *Blackadder* and *Wildlife on One*, though I think that's a concession to me. Anyway, wildlife programmes are full of sex and violence.

"The trouble is, most of their viewing is done while I'm out and I suspect the nanny is very conspiratorial and would side with them.

"I don't really mind about the sexual content unless it's linked with violence. Besides, they've got to the age where they cringe and leave the room if we're in the room when a sexy scene comes on. When Michelle had an abortion in *EastEnders* I found them discussing it and I was rather impressed with their grasp of the issues."

The amount of television children watch is unclear. An IBA report three years ago found that its sample of 468 aged from four to 14 had seen around 40 programmes each that week, with the lower socio-economic groups watching the most. A year ago an Exeter University project with 11- to 15-year-olds found an average viewing level of 2.2 to 2.8 hours a night. Such averages conceal a vast range of habits. Parental guidance is equally varied. One survey had almost as many parents recommending *Dynasty* as banning it.

Psychologist Cathy Murphy, who examined pre-school programmes for a research fellowship at Nottingham University, found that most of the women regarded television as a sop. "They believed it was a poor substitute for other things, but if they were tired or busy they felt that letting the child watch TV was a better alternative to strangling it."

In fact, figures suggest that families watch less television (22 hours a week) than single people (36 hours a week). And, the IBA's most recent research claims, television could help family togetherness; it involves collective decisions and provides topics of conversation.

Cary Bazalgette, of the British Film Institute's education section, is one of the people involved in setting up British Action for Children's Television, to press for informed debate and the development of children's critical faculties. She believes parents should stop feeling guilty, accept television as a reality of modern life (98 per cent of homes have it) and start looking for opportunities to talk and think about it.

Better, she says, to remember the words of the Italian critic, Umberto Eco: "Don't switch off your set; switch on your critical freedom."

JOHN WILLIAMS



A close watch: Carol Barnes, the ITN newscaster, monitors the television diet of Clare, aged 8, and James, 6

FIRST PERSON

Mary Dejevsky

Locked out of clubland

At the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the single-sex college has been an anachronism for a decade or more. But come to the capital, and the one London club which would seem by its name to cater for graduates of the two universities — the Oxford and Cambridge in Pall Mall — lives in another age.

As a journalist working in the advance guard of the newspaper revolution beyond Tower Bridge, I wanted a central London base; a congenial place to entertain guests — many of them from abroad — and somewhere to have a quiet drink before the theatre. Where better than an established London club?

My guests would have no difficulty in finding it — the cab-driver would know at once where to take them. They would be able to sit in comfort if, as the combination of an unpredictable schedule and the London traffic can mean, I am late: a polite word from the porter would reassure them that they were in the right place on the right day and *I* would be with them shortly.

Club membership also held the hope of an end to the difficulties which beset any woman who entertains out: obtaining a secluded table, attracting prompt service and persuading the waiter to hand the wine list and the bill to *me*, rather than to my (male) guest. A club could be accustomed to the idea that I was the host.

There I was wrong. My inquiry about membership was answered in the following terms: "Candidates, ladies excepted, must have either matriculated, been admitted a member of any College of Hall, or have been granted 'MA' status at Oxford or Cambridge University." So much for having passed the Oxford entrance examination along with the men, taken the same finals papers as the men, and turned up alongside my male contemporaries to take my MA.

The advice continued in similar vein: "Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two male members. Ladies only require one proposer if a close relation acts." Unfortunately, Daddy is not a member of the Oxford and Cambridge. Nor is my husband. But even if he were, would I — as a woman with my own job and my own salary — want him to ease my passage into society like this?

Despite these misgivings I persisted, for the Oxford and Cambridge advertised one compelling advantage for someone like me working in the eastern part of town. It has a "full reciprocal arrangement with the City University Club at 50 Cornhill, London EC3". Well, it depends what you mean by "full". "This," the letter said, "is a lunch club for gentlemen only."

There are certainly benefits in being a "lady associate member" of the Oxford and Cambridge. Not only do you *not* have to have been to



Oxford or Cambridge, but you pay a smaller fee. And, with the exception of the reciprocal dining arrangements, you have access to most of the facilities. But women like me — Oxford and Cambridge graduates who pursued a career — are both willing and able to pay the full fee in return for full membership.

As a novice to the world of London clubs, I had approached the Oxford and Cambridge in the belief that it was the one club for which I was, by virtue of my degree, unquestionably qualified. There was no point in writing to the Athenaeum or the RAC or the Travellers' — even I knew that they were incorrigible male preserves. But the Oxford and Cambridge? Surely it would cater for *all* graduates of the two universities. Perhaps the new generation of Oxbridge co-eds will persuade it to change its rules.

Barbara Amiel is on holiday

Invisible is beautiful

The publisher who terrorizes the smart set on both sides of the Atlantic believes in inconspicuous consumption

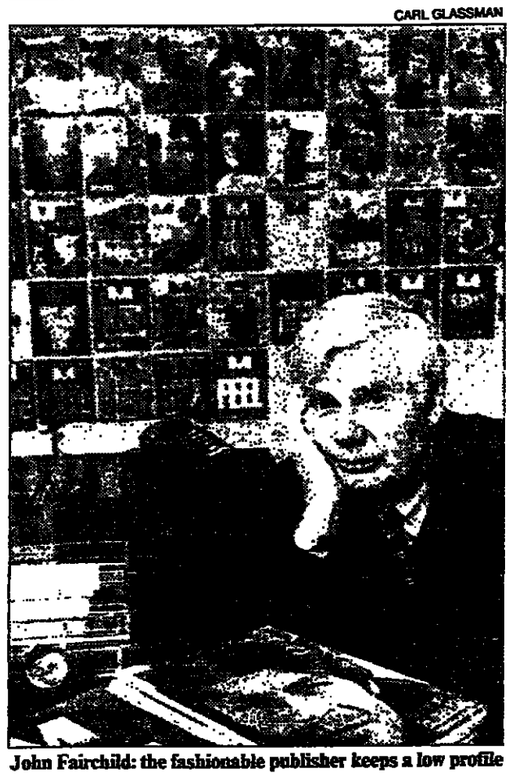
The Beautiful People are easy prey for a photographer's lens. Ladies Who Lunch have been known to walk out and re-enter a room for the sake of a snap in their latest Lacroix. Nouvelle Society's reckless spending has been a cinch to record. But John Fairchild, inventor of these chic cliques and publisher of fashion's most powerful trade paper *Women's Wear Daily* (plus *W*, a weekly colour broadsheet edition, *M* for menswear and the youthful *Scene* for the budding BP), is the first to admit that he has given himself a tricky task in rounding up names and pictures of the in-crowd he is currently cultivating.

His newest smart set neither throw ostentatious parties nor pose for paparazzi in couture frocks. They seldom allow their houses to be splashed across the pages of *Maison et Jardin* or *HG*, and when they write a cheque for charity they do not hold a white-tie "benefit" in the Plaza for the purpose. Fairchild, the *monstre sacré* of the international fashion world and manipulator of Manhattan's social scene, has, perversely, picked as successors to Nouvelle Society a group of men and women so civilized and discreetly chic that they remain a mystery to most. They are the Invisible People.

The man who terrorizes the fashion industry on both sides of the Atlantic and regularly updates all that is "in" and "out", is this week up an alp. Closeted in his chalet in Klosters, musing on his memoirs (working title: *Fashionable Savages*), he emerges only to stick flags on endangered species of plants. Is Fairchild an Invisible Man?

John Burr Fairchild, Kent and Princeton graduate, is clearly a candidate. He despises conspicuous consumption. Minions from Eye, the fearless gossip column in *WWD*, are sent to deputize for him at charity balls and fashionable parties. He ridicules the stretch limousines that await his neighbours on Manhattan's Upper East Side each morning. He takes the $1 subway ride from his Sutton Place apartment to the downtown headquarters of Fairchild Publications, the family firm founded by his grandfather that was sold in the Sixties to ABC for $30 million.

CARL GLASSMAN



John Fairchild: the fashionable publisher keeps a low profile

As chairman and chief executive, he still relishes his job of editor in chief. "I love being a reporter," he says. His office is lined with covers of *W* and *M*. "What's hot NOW," screams a cover line on *M*. "That is what sells. But First Ladies?" he prods one cover-girl, Nancy Reagan. "They're the kiss of death on the newsstand. We learn the hard way."

Explaining the imminent changes of cast in the columns of Eye, Fairchild says he has had enough of Nouvelle Society. "Let's discover people who really do something worthwhile and make the world a pleasant place for all of us," he says, and rattles off names. Will John Saumarez Smith of Heywood Hill, London's elegant booksellers, or Anthony Lee who welcomes guests at Fairchild's favourite London hotel, the Connaught, be happy about their impending fashionable status in Fairchild's latest list, alongside elegant society luminaries like Evangeline Bruce or the Parisian banker Michel David-Weil and his wife Hélène? "People are very fed up with blatant extravagance," Fairchild says. "The Invisible People have the real power."

It is with such perverse and autocratic decisions in *WWD*'s relentless gossip column that the mischievous Fairchild manipulates the paranoia among those who *Vanity Fair* described as "the three most insecure sections of the population of New York — gay fashion designers, Jewish garment manufacturers and would-be socialites". He discovers and builds up design stars, then plasters Right/Wrong stickers across their clothes. Wobbly Wasps are sent up. Ladies who Lunch are teased, their uniformly upswept coiffure ridiculed.

Bianca Jagger was "out" one week for eating potato chips while wearing satin gloves. Mrs Nan Kempner has been "out" for years for doing nothing more than being too obviously "in". "She throws herself in front of the cameras," Fairchild sniffs.

Fairchild, invariably soberly dressed in Brooks Brothers button-downs and quiet tailoring, married for 37 years to his English wife Jill McFarlane, spends much of the year in Europe, holidaying in Klosters and his 17th-century farmhouse in Provence, and courting his favourite Paris couturiers. (France rewarded Fairchild for his support of couture with a Légion d'Honneur and a Fashion Oscar).

London's Vivienne Westwood and Jean Muir are rated highly, as is Armani in Milan. But to the obvious dissatisfaction of his Seventh Avenue compatriots, fashion begins and ends in Paris for Fairchild. For 20 years, he was Yves Saint Laurent's most fervent fan. Two seasons ago there was a rift, allegedly because of Fairchild's enthusiasm for the newcomer Lacroix, which has now been smoothed over. "Don't blame me," Fairchild says. "They chose to dis-invite us to the show."

"Fairchild turns people into celebrities and then despises them for seeking publicity," is the general complaint. This hardly bodes well for the Invisible People who made their official entrée in Eye recently. "Money, money, money," it ran. "While the French presidential election was ostensibly a struggle between Left and Right, it really boiled down to a battle over the beloved Franch franc . . . France's Beautiful People, faced with a new wealth tax, will become the new Invisible People: no big fêtes, no ostentatious displays, fewer expensive dresses."

No high-visibility people? *WWD* just won't be the same.

Liz Smith



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THEATRE

LONDON

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☆ BEYOND THERAPY: Sexual hang-ups in New York: funny comedy by Christopher Durang, with Lionel Blair, Amanda Hillwood, Peter Pacey.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Tues-Sat 8-10pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6.

☆ LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE: Return of Victoria Chaplin and Jean-Baptiste Thierrée in quaint show much loved by fans.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-238 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Previews from tonight, 7.30-9.45pm. Opens June 7th, 7-9.15pm, then as before. Previews £8.50-£10.50. *From June 7th, £8.50-£12.50.*

☆ HAPGOOD: Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed *2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm,* £5-14.50.

☆ ONE WAY PENDULUM: Jonathan Miller's production of N F Simpson's absurdist comedy: strong cast of human actors and tuneful chorus of weighing-machines rehearsing "Hallelujah Chorus".
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, and Sat 4pm, £4-£14.

☆ THE RAINBOW: Empty Space Co's version of D.H.Lawrence's Nottingham-set novel, in London after national tour.
Old Red Lion, 418 St John's Street EC1 (01-837 7816). Tube: Angel. Tues-Sun 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ UNCLE VANYA: Michael Gambon in the title role, with Jonathan Pryce and other splendid people in Michael Blakemore's production.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm. Mats Sat 5pm, and Wed 2.30pm, £7.50-£15.

★ WINNIE: Robert Hardy and Virginia McKenna in million pound musical about Churchill's war; set in a Berlin light opera house with hits of the period and new songs.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

WORD-WATCHING
Answers from page 24

RABAT
(a) The old name for a carpenter's plane from the French *rabot*, Portuguese *rabbite*.

ALLOTHEISM
(c) The worship of bizarre deities, increasingly in evidence among the irrational and feeble-minded today with bogus gurus and telly-evangelist-rainers, from the Greek *allos* other and *theos* god.

BEULAH
(b) A place of heavenly joy; Isaiah 62, 4: "But thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah; for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married." In *The Pilgrim's Progress* Beulah was the land where the pilgrims tarry until summoned to the celestial city.

IPSE
(c) Integrated Project Support Environment: software designed to streamline and semi-automate some aspects of the development and writing of integrated systems of computer programs (e.g. for the command and control system of an aircraft) [Savit, Ed].

OUT OF TOWN

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ The Fit Up: Political thriller set in the "Golden Triangle" of northern Thailand.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.90-£8.50.

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Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

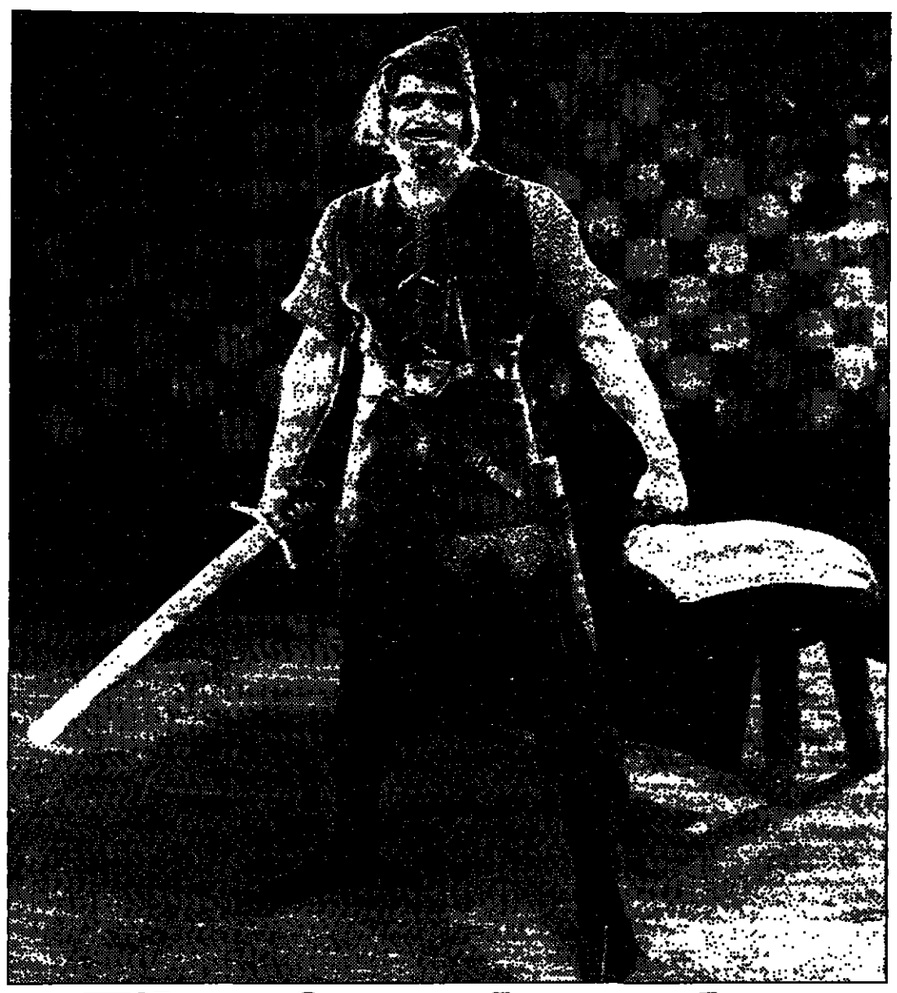
■ CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments: with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

■ EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG): J G Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War; filmed by Steven Spielberg with great panache. With Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.45, 5.10, 8.40.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.35, 4.55, 8.00.

■ THE LAST EMPEROR (15): Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model Communist citizen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 7.40.
☎ Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55.
☎ Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.20, 7.45.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 7.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 7.30.

■ PRINCE OF DARKNESS (18): The Devil's at large, raining slime and creepie-crawlies on the luckless cast. John Carpenter writes and directs (101 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.45, 4.05, 8.15, 8.30
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . **☆ The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . **☆ Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . **★ Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . **☆ 42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9). . . **☆ Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . **☆ Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). . . **☆ Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . **☆ Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . **☆ The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . **★ Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . **☆ Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . **☆ Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . **☆ And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).



Films from the asylum

When United Artists was formed in 1919, the president of Metro Pictures joked: "So the lunatics have taken over the asylum". Some lunatics: they were Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and D.W. Griffith, a quartet who helped to lay the cornerstones of Hollywood. Beginning this evening, the National Film Theatre presents a slice of the company's distinguished output. Fairbanks (above) gets the season rolling with the 1923 *Robin Hood* — a vigorous spectacle famous for its massive sets, which threaten to dwarf the star's leaps and bounds. With United Artists, the stars became their own employers. Each founder member was supposed to provide three films a year — a most unrealistic target. But they still notched up plenty of classics: Chaplin's *A Woman of Paris*, Griffith's *Orphans of the Storm*, Fairbanks's *The Thief of Bagdad*. Sound came in with *Coquette* (one of the season's rarities), in which Mary Pickford tried to brush off her innocent image by playing a flirt with a Southern drawl and a bobbed haircut. But the future lay with new lunatics: Howard Hughes and *Scarface*, Laurel and Hardy and independent-minded producers like Walter Wanger. The asylum survived. National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3232), £3.25.
Geoff Brown



Andrés Segovia (above) in part invented, in part rediscovered, the world of the classical guitar, which now has countless devotees in many countries. He died a year ago today and to mark the anniversary six of the distinguished guitarists who have followed in Segovia's footsteps gather tonight (see listing). They are Carlos Bonell, Alirio Diaz, Julian Byzantine, Susanne Mebes, Deborah Mariotti and John Mills, and they play Bach, Granados, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Türroba, Moleda, Lauro, Tarrega and John Duarte.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ HANSON'S HAYDN: Haydn's Quartet *Op 20 No 4 and* Debussy's Quartet are heard from Hanson Quartet.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 1.05-2pm, £2.

EVENING

☆ ANDREI GAVRILOV: The remarkable Russian pianist plays Schumann's *Papillons, Carnaval, Faschingsschwank,* and four Schubert impromptus.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £4-£12.

☆ FOUR IN ONE: The Lontano ensemble plays Poul Ruders's *Four Dances in One Movement,* gives the world première of his *Dramaphonia,* the UK première of Elliot Schwartz's Chamber Concerto III.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800)

☆ SALUTE SEGOVIA: See caption.
Wigmore Hall, 7.30pm, £5-£8.

☆ MINTZ MUSIC: Schlomo Mintz conducts the LSO in Schubert's *Rosamunde* Overture, Mozart's Symphony No 38 "Prague" and plays the violin in Vivaldi's *Seasons.*
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£15.

OPERA

☆ DIE ENTFUHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL: Kurt Streit is the new Belmonte in Glyndebourne's strongly cast revival, conducted by Lothar Zagrosek.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex, (0273 541111), 5.40-9.40pm, returns only.

☆ NELL/VAN DIEMAN'S LAND: Double bill presented by Mid Summer Opera of new works by the Australian composer, Alison Bauld.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-240 8230) 8-10pm, £6-£12.50.

ROCK

☆ DAVID SYLVIAN: The quiet aesthete presents music of glacial poise with a group including his former Japan colleagues Steve Jansen (drums) and Richard Barbieri (keyboards).
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 735295) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

☆ SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: The joyous a cappella gospel harmony quintet from Washington, led by Dr Bernice Johnson Reagon. Their new album, *Live At The Carnegie Hall,* is available on Cooking Vinyl.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £7.50.

JAZZ

☆ JULIAN BAHULA: Godfather of the Afro-jazz movement, at the head of the fusion band Electric Dream.
Band On The Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.

☆ ANDY SHEPPARD: In the glut of young saxophonists, the West Country tenor player is probably the most technically adept of all. Support tonight is from the north-of-the-border band, the John Rae Collective.
Henry Wood Hall, Claremont Street, Glasgow (041 221 5496) 8pm, £4.50.

DANCE

☆ ONDINE: Last night of the Royal Ballet's theme.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.15pm, £1-30.

☆ LA FILLE MAL GARDEE: Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet give Ashton's romantic comedy in the Big Top at Jesus Green, Cambridge.
Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 463377). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.75-10.

WALKS

SHAKESPEARE'S LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3 (also Sun).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

GALLERIES

LINO MANNOCCI: Figurative paintings done during the last two years.
Curwen Gallery, 4 Windmill Street, London W1 (01-636 1459), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1pm, free, until July 2.

FRED CUMING RA: Recent landscape and figure paintings.
New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Road, London SW13 (01-748 8850). Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until June 25.

PETER COKER: Paintings of Scottish landscape.
Gallery 10, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 8103). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until June 30.

KATHY PRENDERGAST: New sculpture: Plus photo-works by Willie Doherty and sculpture by Dorothy Cross.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223 6557), Wed-Sun 12-9pm, free, until July 3.

STEEL SCULPTURE: An international anthology including Britons Michael Lyons, Colin Rose and Philip King.
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Bretton, nr Wakefield (0924 85302), daily 10-6pm, free, until July 3.

OTHER EVENTS

A QUEEN IS CROWNED: 35th anniversary showing of the Coronation as filmed in technicolour by cameramen of the Rank Organisation.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600-3699) 6.10pm. Tickets £1.50 at door.

CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS: The only one of its kind in the British Isles, the 97 foot long carpet is made by the ladies of Arundel using seasonal flowers.
Cathedral of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel, West Sussex (info: 0903 716133) 10.45-5.30pm.

WOODEN BOAT SHOW: At noon David Dimbleby opens a show for all traditional boat enthusiasts. Display of many wooden craft from Victoria canoes, longboats, coracles to modern "stitch and glue dinghies." Regatta and other river events on Sunday.
National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, SE10. (01-858 4422). Today until June 5 inclusive. 10-6pm. Free.

CARNABY STREET OPEN DAY: Aimed at re-launching the area with proceeds to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital. Sumo wrestling in the morning, live stage performances from noon, Chris Tarrant and Paula Yates from 11.30am, novelty acts. Special offer shopping and "alfresco" food.
Carnaby Street, Soho, London W1. 10am to late afternoon. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

STRATFORD FESTIVAL: Booking open for programme including *A Midsummer Night's Dream, Love's Labour's Lost,* an entertainment based on *The Hollow Crown,* and appearances by Janet Baker, Larry Adler, Moscow Quartet, Acker Bilk, Julian Lloyd Webber, and Richard Baker. July 12-31.
Festival Office, Civic Hall, Rother Street, Stratford (0789 67969).

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: Personal/phone booking open for programme of works by Bintley *(En Bateau,* and *Flowers of the Forest),* Macmillan and Cranko.
July 21. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2. (01-240 1066/1911).

LAST CHANCE

DOES THE SUBJECT MATTER?: Exhibition of 20th century paintings and sculpture from gallery's permanent collection, showing how artists rejected representational vision of the past. Works by Bacon, Leger, Bridget Riley, Wyndham Lewis, Henry Moore. Ends Sun.
City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422).

TREASURES OF ITALIAN ART: New gallery opening exhibition includes work by Vasari, Pontormo, Canaletto and Tiepolo. Ends today.
Walpole Gallery, 38 Dover Street, London W1.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending May 28

FICTION

1	**Summer's Lease,** John Mortimer	*Viking*	£10.95
2	**Possession,** Peter James	*Gollancz*	£10.95
3	**The Swimming Pool Library,** Alan Hollinghurst	*Chatto*	£11.95
4	**The Veiled One,** Ruth Rendell	*Hutchinson*	£10.95
5	**The Bonfire of The Vanities,** Tom Wolfe	*Cape*	£12.95

NON-FICTION

1	**Garden Style,** Penelope Hobhouse	*Windward*	£16.95
2	**The Magic Lantern,** Ingmar Bergman	*Hamish Hamilton*	£14.95
3	**The Renewal Factor,** Robert Waterman	*Bantam*	£14.95
4	**Salad Days,** Douglas Fairbanks	*Collins*	£16.00
5	**Eton Voices,** Danny Danziger	*Viking*	£12.95

PAPERBACKS

1	**The Life of My Choice,** Wilfred Thesiger	*Fontana*	£ 5.95
2	**Mysteries of Pittsburgh,** Michael Chabon	*Sceptre*	£ 3.50
3	**The Unbearable Lightness of Being,** Milan Kundera	*Faber*	£ 3.95
4	**Over The Edge,** Jonathan Kellerman	*Futura*	£ 3.50
5	**Proms '88**	*BBC*	£ 1.50
6	**Cellnet Guide To Hotels and Restaurants,** Egon Ronay	*AA*	£ 9.95
7	**Historic Houses Castles and Gardens**	*British Leisure*	£ 3.50
8	**Einstein's Monsters,** Martin Amis	*Penguin*	£ 3.50
9	**A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs,** Ellis Peters	*Futura*	£ 2.95
10	**The Blind Watchmaker,** Richard Dawkins	*Penguin*	£ 4.95

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 pm AMERICAN SAMPLER piano. Schumann: Papillons Op 2: Faschingsschwank aus Wien Op 26; Schubert: Two Impromptus; Schumann: Carnaval Op 9.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 8 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.00 The Magic Flute. Tomor 7.00 Xerxes.

DOMINION THEATRE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/4444. London International Opera Festival presents Until Sat Midsummer Opera: Donizetti's VAN DIEMAN'S LAND & World premiere of NELL. Eves 8pm.

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA 0273 541111. The London Philharmonic Today, Sat & Tues at 5.40 Die Entführung aus dem Serail. Possible returned tickets only. Sun at 5.20. The Electric Coffee of the Soviet Union Few tickets available, also for later part Jun 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 22, 25 Tues at 5.20 Kat'a Kabanova. For returned tickets only recorded info call 0273 541111.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 01 836 6903. 8 CC 68 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Gsalas. Ballet casting info 01 240 9918. Tomor 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Anna Bolena.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Until Sat. Eves 7.30pm Sat Mat 2.30pm LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET Tosc L'Arlesienne, Apollo, Pas de deux, Swanmere. From Tue: RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY.

THEATRES

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AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC (NO big fee 240 7200)/01-741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Seats sometimes available - Call Today!

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BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Today 2.0 & 7.30. runs 17 June. THE MERCHANT OF VENICE "Enthralling production" Index TWELFTH NIGHT runs tonight 7.30. JULIUS CAESAR reduced price previews 9-14 July. THE FIT Today 2.30 & 7.30 TEMPTATION by Vaclav Havel. THE REVENGER'S TRAGEDY runs Fri.

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COMEDY 930 2578/8778 CC 839 1438 (no big fee) First Call 836 3464 (big fee) CCTB 741 9999 (big fee) Grps 240 7941. A New Comedy by EXCLUSIVE YARNS Previewing from 29 June

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax A.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Too Many Wives* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. Plus, Jeremy Paxman reports from Moscow on President Reagan's departure. **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Children's BBC** beginning with **Big Top Science**. Terry Marsh and Kjartan Poskitt find out what's in the water we drink and how to build an aquarium (r). **9.25 Laurel and Hardy**. Cartoon (r). **9.30 The Really Wild Show**. Nature series (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by **Charlie Brown** (r) **10.25 Play School** (r).
10.50 Cricket: First Test. Live coverage of the first morning's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and the West Indies. Includes news and weather at **10.55.**
12.50 News and weather followed by **Dallas.** Continuing the re-run of the 1984 season of the infamous soap and the murderer prepares to kill again (r). (Ceefax) **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** What will Susan decide to do with her life? **1.50 Montreux Rock Festival 1988.** The third programme of highlights from the music festival. Among this afternoon's featured performers are Scritti Politti, Eurythmics and Icehouse. Introduced by Gary Davies.
2.35 Come Dancing. North West and Midlands and West contest the final introduced by Angela Rippon from the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool (r).
3.25 Gardeners' Direct Line presented by John Thirlwell. Ready to answer viewers' questions are Geoffrey Smith and Peter Seabrook. To take part ring Leeds (0532) 446222 between 11.30am and 2.30pm.
3.50 Chuckle Vision (r). **4.10 The Biskitts** (r). **4.35 Coppers and Col** starring David Copperfield.
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Peter Powell and Nicky Campbell.
7.30 EastEnders. Dr Legg seeks practical advice for some surgery business. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report from Long Island on the United States's fastest growing sport – gun games.
8.30 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson introduces Sunday's five finalists – Roy Bailey, a film producer from Berkshire; Philip Gray, a planning manager from Merseyside; Margaret Fleming, a tax inspector from Sussex; David Beamish, a House of Lords clerk from London; and Barry McCartney, a middle-school teacher from Suffolk. Plus interviews with three previous winners – Nancy Wilkinson, the first champion (1972); Fred Housego (1980); and last year's champion, Dr Jeremy Bradbrooke.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Lenny Henry Show. The special guest is Jonathan Ross (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 Question Time with Charles Moore, Susan Thomas and MPs George Walden and Stuart Holland.
11.00 Montreux Rock Festival 1988. Among the artists performing is Taylor Dayne (r).
12.10am Weather.

BBC2

6.35 Open University: Seeing Through the Smoke. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax
12.00 Cricket: First Test continued from BBC1
1.10 Cartoon 1.20 King Rollo. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). **1.25 What's Inside?** presented by Floella Benjamin. The storytellers are Brian Jameson and Perminderpal Gill (r).
1.35 Cricket and Golf. Tony Lewis introduces further coverage of the first day's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and the West Indies. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister with summaries by Ray Illingworth and Tom Graveney; Harry Carpenter introduces play in the Dunhill British Masters from the Woburn Golf and Country Club. Commentating there are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay and Clive Clark. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 2.30** and **3.50.**
5.10 Film: Pardon My Sarong (1942, b/w) starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. Comedy about two bored Chicago bus drivers who jump at the chance to take a chartered coach to Los Angeles, especially as among the passengers are 10 chorus girls. But, as usual, everything goes wrong and they find themselves fleeing to Honolulu pursued by the police and irate creditors. Directed by Eric C. Kenton.
7.30 Call My Bluff. A witty test of word power, presented by Robert Robinson. Joining the resident captains, Frank Muir and Arthur Marshall, this week are Joanna Lumley, Alan Titchmarsh, Lynn Seymour and John Dunn.
8.00 Operation Raleigh: The Mountain. The first of a six-part series filmed by young people taking part in the challenge of working on medical schemes, conservation projects and education programmes in remote parts of the world. Tonight's film, made by a team from the national Film School, follows the fortunes of John McGlade, a young London Underground engineer who had never before left England. He found himself leading a team up a glacier in a far-flung part of southern Chile with orders to cut a path up a mountain designated a national park. (Ceefax)



The real Rory Bremner: A master of comic impressions (BBC2, 9.00pm)

8.30 Nature presented by Michael Buerk. This week's edition includes a debate from the Royal Bath and West Show on the ethics of intensive farming, with Desmond Morris and Chris French, vice-president of the National Farmers Union
9.00 Rory Bremner. Another selection of comedy impressions. Among those satirized this week are Michael Parkinson, Michael Caine, Roger Moore, Terry Wogan and Frank Bruno. With Sara Crowe, Steve Steen and Jim Sweeney.
9.30 Exiles: Erich Fried. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.30 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day. Presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.15 Weather.
11.20 Cricket: First Test. Highlights of the first day's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and the West Indies.
11.50 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.55** Nuclear Weapons – Crisis Management. Ends at **12.25am**

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** presented by Mike Morris; **7.00 Good Morning Britain.**
9.00 Wacadey for the young introduced by Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Cross Wits. Word game **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series for children (r). **11.25 Thames news headlines**
11.30 Cruelty. Two victims of school bullying, Dominic Baker and Peter Blockley, talk about their experiences to Colin Morris **12.00 The Krypton Factor** (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news 1.30 Falcon Crest.** Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine dynasty **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Cottage Pizza (r).
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden and Lord St John of Fawsley recall the time 25 years ago when Pope John Paul XXIII died **3.00 Take the High Road.** Life starts to become awkward for Inverdarroch. **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Portland Bill (r). **4.10 The Telebugs** (r). **4.20 Esau's World** with Rod Hull.
4.45 Panic Station. The first of a new series of the off-beat science series for children. (Oracle) **5.15 Winner Takes All.**
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help with news of music therapy.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. An injured peregrine falcon is rescued by Wilks and Matt.
7.00 Love Me, Love Me Not. Game show in which men and women display their ignorance of the opposite sex.
7.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. The second and concluding part of the comedy about a group of Geordie brickies working in West Germany (r). (Oracle)
8.00 Lingo. Word game presented by Martin Daniels.
8.30 This Week: On the Ropes. Sam McCluskie, leader of the NUS, and Eric Hammond, the electricians' union leader, present contrasting views of the way forward for unions.
9.00 L. A. Law. Drama serial set in the offices of a high-powered Los Angeles law firm.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30 Thames news**
10.35 The City Programme. How Britain's privatization policies lead the world; and, do shareholders' perks pay dividends?
11.05 Hypothetically: Happy Families? The subject of divorce is explored when Jane Belson, a London barrister, questions experts on what they would advise the interested parties.
12.05am 01- for London includes Robert Hardy and Virginia McKenna talking about their roles in the musical *Winnie;* Paul Morley reviews the Howard Brenton play *Greenland;* and William Burroughs talks about his paintings. Followed by Crimestoppers.
12.35 Prisoner Cell Block H.
1.30 Single in London. The challenges facing young people living away from home in London (r).
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Tigers Don't Cry** (1976) starring Anthony Quinn. Thriller about a hired killer on the trail of southern Africa president in South Africa for hospital treatment. Directed by Peter Collinson.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Comedy
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for the young
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.
1.00 How to Survive the 9 to 5. The first of a five-programme series examining the causes of stress in working life, presented by Cary Cooper, professor of Organizational Psychology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Interviewing. The first of a new five-part series, designed for those in supervisory and lower management grades who conduct interviews. Today's programme, presented by Sarah Kennedy, is the first of two concentrating on the selection interview. (Oracle)
2.00 Symphony. The second of three documentary films providing a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the world of music through following the progress of Howard Goodall's Land of the Lakes Suite from its beginnings to its première. Today's programme focuses on the conductor Richard Hickox as he works on the interpretation of Goodall's work in collaboration with the composer; and on the role of the conductor in both rehearsal and performance – with the London Symphony Chorus and the Northern Sinfonia (r).
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Lea & Perrins Claiming Stakes (2.35); the Seven Seas Stakes (3.05); the Hanson Coronation Cup (3.40); and the Elizabeth Shaw Chocolates Stakes (4.10). The race commentator is Graham Goode.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by Frank Clark, a retired computer manager from Liverpool.
5.00 Film: Forever England (1935, b/w) starring John Mills. First World War drama, based on C. S. Forester's novel Brown on Resolution, about a naval rating who escapes after being captured by a German cruiser, steals a rifle and by dint of his excellent marksmanship manages to prevent a German ship from leaving port. Directed by Walter Forde.
6.20 Film: This is York (1953, b/w). A British Rail travelogue extolling the beauty of York and the surrounding countryside during an autumn day. Directed by Jack Holmes.
6.40 Movie Museum (b/w). Queen Victoria, made in 1901, following a procession; Man's Genesis (1912), D. W. Griffith's story starring Mae Marsh and Bobby Harron.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment followed by Weather.
8.00 Ourselves and Other Animals. Part one of a 12-programme series presented by Gerald and Lee Durrell exploring the varied systems of communication that animals use. This evening's programme concentrates on animal emotions.
8.30 Echoes. Episode two of the four-part adaptation of Maeve Binchy's novel set in an Irish seaside town in the 1950s. Starring Geraldine James, Siobhan Garahy, Robert Hines and Dermot Crowley (r). (Oracle)
9.30 Peter Hall – Work in Progress. A documentary in which the director of the National Theatre, until the autumn, talks to Michael Billington about his life and career, from his Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, childhood to his new venture, the Peter Hall Company, based at London's Haymarket Theatre.
11.00 Film: Akenfield (1975). Peter Hall's story of three generations of country life in Suffolk, based on the book by Ronald Blythe, following the changes in agriculture, religion, education and work.
12.55am Film: Summer with Monika (1952, b/w) starring Harriet Andersson and Lars Ekborg. A drama about an adolescent love affair that ends in pregnancy and recriminations. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Ends at **2.40.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **12.10am-12.15** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am** Dotaman **11.00-12.00** Cricket (joining network) **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.00** Off the Course **11.20** Montreux Rock Festival **12.30am** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **8.30-9.00** Spotlight ENGLAND: **6.25pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: **7.30pm-8.00** Undd Eisteddfod, Meiwyn '88

ANGLIA As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Anglia News and Weather **1.20pm-1.30** Anglia News and Weather **6.00pm-6.30** About Anglia **10.35-11.05** Pictures in the Mind **12.05am** Prisoner Cell Block H **1.00** Man in a Suitcase **2.00** WKRP in Cincinnati **2.30** Film: The Man in Black **4.00** America's Top Ten **4.30** Survival.

BORDER As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Border News **1.20pm** Border News **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **2.00** Gardening Time **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround Thursday **10.35-11.05** With Loving Care **12.05am** Weather, close.

CENTRAL As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Central News **12.30pm** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30** Charlie's Angels **6.00** Central News **6.25-6.30** Police 5 **10.35-11.05** Central Lobby **12.05am** Bullseye **12.35** Film: Borsalino & Co **2.35** The Twilight Zone **3.30** British Rock **4.30** Central Jobfinder **88.**

GRANADA As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Granada Reports **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** A Country Practice **1.55-2.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports followed by This is Your Right **10.35-11.05** Celebration **12.05am** Quiz Night **12.35** Film: Yesterday's Tomorrows **2.35** Sportsworld **3.35** Rock of Europe **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **9.25am-9.30** HTV News **1.20pm** HTV News **1.30-2.25** A Country Practice **6.00-6.30** HTV News **10.35-11.05** Facing West **12.05am** Film: Psychomania **1.45** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous **2.10** Weather and close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six **10.35-11.05** Cross Talk.

TSW As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Today News and Weather **1.20pm** Today News and Weather **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **6.00-6.30** Today **11.35pm** The Twilight Zone **12.25am** Postscript **12.30** Weather, close

TVS As London except: **9.25am-9.30** TVS News and Weather **12.00-12.30pm** Something to Treasure **1.20** TVS News and Weather **1.30** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.00** A Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **5.00-5.30** The Krypton Factor Final **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35-11.05** Art Beat **12.05am** Employment Action! **12.10** UFO **1.10-2.00** Sports Action Worldwide **2.15** Taxi **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Company **3.25** Employment Action! **3.30** Hollywood Special: Errol Flynn **4.30** Just Williams.

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Regional News **1.20pm** Regional News **1.35-1.30** Lookaround **5.00-5.30** Northern Life **10.35pm-11.05** First Edition **12.05am** Epilogue **12.15** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **9.25am-9.30** The Day Ahead **1.20pm** Ulster Newstime **1.30** People with a Passion **2.00-2.30** History of the Grand Prix **3.25** Ulster Newstime **3.30-4.00** Rallycross **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Police Six **10.35-11.05** The Year Was...1960 **12.00am** Ulster Newstime.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Calendar News **12.30pm-1.00** Calendar Lunchtime Live **1.20** Calendar News **1.30-2.25** A Country Practice **6.00-6.30** Calendar **11.35** Hammer House of Horror **2.30** Easy Street **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **11.00am** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd **1.00pm** Open College **2.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd **3.30** Racing **4.30** Filalaeiam **4.40** Hafoc **5.15** Cartoon Time **5.30** I Dream of Jeannie **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Go Fishing **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd **8.35** Dinas **9.05** Fideo 9 **9.45** Master Works **10.00** Echoes **11.00** Aikenfield **12.55** Film: Summer with Monika **2.40** Diwedd.

RTE 1 Starts: **4.00** News Headlines followed by Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Bosco **5.00** The Campbells **5.30-5.45** Ten Minute Tales **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.20** Garda Patrol **6.30** Cartoon Time **6.35** Just William **7.05** To the Waters and the Wild **7.35** Video Flix **8.05** Starbuck **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Yes Prime Minister **10.45** Landmark **11.15** Bookside **11.45** News **11.50** Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **2.00** Tennis **5.30** Laurel and Hardy **5.00** Huckleberry Finn and Friends **6.30** The Sullivans **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Family Ties **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** That's My Boy **8.40** Mart and Market **8.45** Mailbag **9.00** Dynasty **9.55** The Cutting Edge **10.25** Newsnight **10.45** Falcon Crest **11.40** Nightlight **11.45** Close.



Erich Fried, the Austrian poet, who was forced to flee to England when the Nazis invaded his country (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Angry thoughts from abroad

● *Erich Fried is the best-selling contemporary poet in Germany and his native Austria, yet for half a century he has lived in London. Like many a Viennese Jew, he fled to Britain in 1938 as a refugee from the Nazis. His father had been seized by the Gestapo and left to die, his mother was in prison and his grandmother on her way to the gas chambers of Auschwitz. But Fried's political consciousness had been formed long before this. At the age of six he wrote a poem about the "Bloody Friday" street massacre of Viennese workers for which the police were blamed. He was due to recite the poem at a school assembly but when he discovered that the city's police chief was in the audience, he refused to go ahead. Fried's father was furious, accusing him of "swimming in the wake of Communism". As* Exiles *(BBC2, 9.30pm), makes clear, Fried has been ruffling political feathers ever since. During the Sixties he made a direct link between the genocide of Hitler and America's war in Vietnam, helping to fuel the student protests of 1968. He became involved with the Baader Meinhof terrorists, though he maintains that this was more an attempt at understanding than approval of their tactics. Perhaps surprisingly for a Jew, he supports the Palestinians, arguing that they have been driven out of their country just as he was driven out of his. Despite his long exile, Fried still writes his poetry only in German and though the Nazi atrocities are 40 years into the past they are still the dominant influence on his view of the world and his angry, passionate verse. My reservation about an absorbing profile is that it draws too heavily on Fried's own words. Some critical distancing would have been useful.*

Peter Waymark

TELEVISION CHOICE

Wonderful world

● *For the past five weeks,* Storytellers *(Radio 4, 3.00pm) has been triumphantly disproving the hoary theory that when you adapt a classic story for radio, you end up with something that debases both the material that has been adapted and the medium to which it has been transferred. Very well then: we are talking here about a hybrid. But you only have to listen to Stephen Gallagher's adaptation of H. G. Wells's The Wonderful Visit this afternoon to realize how splendid these blooms can be when fashioned by sympathetic hands. Clumsily handled, Wells's tale of a nice rural vicar who accidentally shoots down an angel, would be a fantasy of an embarrassing variety. Director Martin Jenkins has given it the gossamer touch, Mia Soteriou has written some heavenly music for the violin – is this the only recorded example of an angel who scorns the harp? – and Bernard Cribbins (as the vicar) and Richard Pearce (as the winged visitor) are only two of the little gems in a sparkling necklace of a cast. But when all's said and done, it is Wells's text and how Gallagher has re-shaped it that makes* The Wonderful Visit *a very special kind of fantasy because for all its quaint comedy, the story is essentially a moral tract, embodying a contempt for the crassness of a society so blinkered that it cannot entertain the possibility that wondrous things can happen.*

Peter Davalle

RADIO CHOICE



Bernard Cribbins: A jewel of a performance (R4, 3.00pm)

Radio 1

NW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo with the Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** The Story of Atlantic **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour **4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love, incl **3.40** Racing from Epsom **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Pull the Other One! **10.30** Star Sound Cinema **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Charles Nove presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Irving Berlin Among Friends **6.40** The Farming World **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Sportsworld **11.30** Citizens **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Sportsworld **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On ... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Here's Humph **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Talking From ... **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** Irving Berlin Among Friends **11.40** The Farming World **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** Talking From ... **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Tech Talk **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Fringpaj News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Dohnanyi (Variations on a Nursery Song, Op 25: RPO under Boult with the composer, piano); Bach (Fugue II: Sigurd Raschar Saxophone Quartet)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert contd: Alfven (Midsummer Watch, Op 19: Stockholm PO under Jarvi); Sibelius (Sigh, Sedges, Sigh; The Diamond on the March Snow Op 36: Royal Opera Orchestra Stockholm under Nils Grevillius with Jussi Bjorling, tenor); Crusell (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor: Lahti SO under Osmo Vanska with Karl Leister); Saint-Saëns (Le Rouet d'Omphale: French NO under Bernstein)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Stravinsky. Three-part drama Persephone by Columbia SO under the composer, with Vera Zorina (speaker), Michele Molese (tenor), the Ithaca College Concert Choir, Fort Worth Boys Choir and Greg Smith Singers
9.25 Brahms: Stuttgart Chamber Choir under Frieder Bernius with Andreas Rothkopf (piano) play An die Heimat; Der Abend (Op 64); Four quartets, Op 92; Sehnsucht; and Nachtens (Op 112)
10.05 The Young Lennox Berkeley: Margaret Cable (mezzo-soprano), Anthony Legge and Gordon Stewart (pianos), Sarah Francis (oboe), and Graham Mayger (flute) perform Berkeley (Trio for flute, oboe and piano; Five Short Pieces; Lay Your Sleeping Head, My Love; Night Covers Up the Rigid Land; and Three Impromptus); and Britten (Night Covers Up the Rigid Land)
10.45 L'Ecole d'Orphée: Telemann (Sonatas Corellissimas Nos 2 and 6); and Corelli (Trio Sonata in F Op 4 No 7)
10.45 (MW only) Test Match Special: Ball by ball commentary on the First Test, England v West Indies, at Trent Bridge. Until **6.30**
11.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Edward Downes conducts Kabalevsky (Overture to Colas Breugnon); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique). With Garrick Ohlsson (piano). Includes **12.00** Interval reading
1.00 News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Live from St George's, Roth Quartet play Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5, Lark); and Vaughan Williams (String Quartet No 2 in A minor)
2.00 Ernani: Verdi's four-act opera sung in Italian performed by the Vienna SO under Pinchas Steinberg, with Vienna Volksoper Chorus, Sofia Vocal Ensemble and Bregenz Festival Chorus. With Giuliano Ciannella (tenor), Renato Bruson (baritone), Paata Burchuladze (bass) and Aprile Millo (soprano). Acts one and two
3.30 Julian Budden discusses the opera's background (r)
3.35 Ernani (contd): Acts three and four
4.40 Music for Viola: Nobuko Imai plays Hindemith (Sonata, Op 11 No 5 for solo viola) (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: With Roger Nichols
5.30 Bandstand: Tradegar Band under Nigel Weeks play Gilbert Vinter (Spectrum) and Merlyn Burtch (Wind in the Willows)
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall talks to Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonynge
7.30 Bath Festival 1988 (Part one): Live from St George's, Bristol. Nash Ensemble under Lionel Friend perform Barber (Summer Music for wind quintet); George Crumb (An Idyll for the Misbegotten, for flute and drums, 1985); and Simon Holt (Canciones). With Jean Rigby (mezzo-soprano)
8.25 Lorca as a Countryman: Presented and written by Peter Luke. Read by June Tobin
8.45 Bath Festival 1988 (Part two): George Crumb (Night of the Four Moons) and Ives (Piano Trio)
9.40 Stress and Stimulation: by Stuart Hannabuss. Read by George Parsons
10.00 Music in our Time: Continuum under Joel Sachs (piano) perform Stefan Wolpe (Second Piece for solo violin); Roberto Sierra (Glosa a la sombra); Roberto Erickson (Two Songs); Virko Baley (Jurassic Bird); Conlon Nancarrow (Prelude and Blues; Study No 15; Sonatina for piano duet); Virgil Thomson (Two Songs of Mary Ann Moore)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Sibelius. (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today; Live from the Royal Bath and West Show at Shepton Mallett **6.25** Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Five Stories by Muriel Spark (4) The Gentle Jewesses. Read by Vivienne Dixon **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts: Investigation into British pensioners who get a pittance after years of service in Africa (r)
9.30 Oratory: Melvyn Bragg's examination of the art of public speaking in Britain. Ian McKellen, Dame Judi Dench, Howard Brenton and Sir Peter Hall talk about what contemporary oratory offers to directors, actors and dramatists
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Lionel Kelleway visits a 17th-century farm which is being restored
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (s)
11.25 On the Outside: Jenny Cuffe talks to people who have found themselves in exile from the world to which they once belonged. (3) Sobzan Beckford, part-Pakistani and part-French
11.50 Just a Job? The last of four programmes about jobs taken for granted by everyone except the people who do them. Life on the supermarket checkout till (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25 Just a Minute: Nicholas Parsons with the game of hesitation, deviation and repetition, played by Clement Freud, Peter Jones, Christopher Timothy and Lance Percival (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Live interview with actress Jill Gascoine, star of The Gentle Touch and C.A.T.S. Eyes; plus items on problems caused by PMT at exam time, and the only female to be awarded the George Medal
3.00 News; Storytellers (s) (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Reviews of The Mysteries of Pittsburgh and The Railway Station – A Social History
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1988: Robert Robinson chairs the general knowledge quiz (s) (r) **7.00** News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? An opportunity to respond to the subjects raised in last week's Any Questions?
7.30 Music in the Desert: Two years ago, on the edge of the Negev desert in Israel, a festival in celebration of women composers took place. Tina Pepler meets some of the women who took part and asks what they think about the state of the art of women's music two years on (s)
8.15 Analysis: Yugoslavia appears to be in economic chaos, has a shifting foreign policy and is threatened by internal conflicts. Chris Cvitic examines the effects on Yugoslavia of its economic and political reforms
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine for the disabled
9.30 The Archive Auction: Lord Elwyn-Jones bids for some of the important recordings made in his lifetime
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of Silence in the Garden by William Trevor, Greenland at the Royal Court, including an interview with Howard Brenton, the Bradford International Print Biennale, and a report on the Martini Callothon
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Ringsman Steps by Arnold Bennett (4 of 15) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Windblown (last in the series): Andrew Mariner presents a portrait of Swiss oboist Heinz Holliger
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner with Richard Briers **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** The Narrator in "Middlemarch" **11.50** Altarpiece Theme

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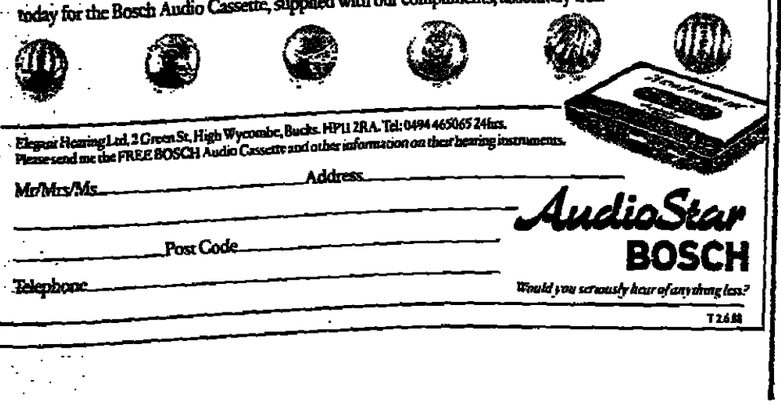
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Applause for a fine day at the races



The Queen, Prince Michael of Kent and Princess Michael showing their excitement on Derby day while, below, the Aga Khan congratulates Kahyasi, his third Derby winner (Photographs: James Gray and Ian Stewart).



By Ronald Faux

More than half a million people headed for the crown of turf on Epsom Downs yesterday to watch the Derby. The stylish arrived in a stream of helicopters at a rate of 70 an hour above the crawling bonnets of cars that stretched in an unbroken line for 10 miles on the main road from London.

The travellers' caravans had been on the Downs for several days and the confusion of Gypsy Lees were ready to predict everything except the result of the Ever Ready Derby Stakes, a race lasting 160 seconds on which the attention of the world would be focused.

The weather teased the bookies and the punters, changing between bright sunshine and frowning cloud with a brisk wind that tested the moorings of a thousand or more fashionable hats.

But top hats and tails do not guarantee good behaviour. Immediately after the Derby, a bearded man was seen to remove his top hat and full morning dress and streak naked down the finishing straight chased by a policeman. The unlisted runner was removed

Towards three o'clock the atmosphere at Epsom became electric. The sleek contenders for the Derby had paraded in their enclosure. Men deeply aware of the interplay of sires, jockies, temperature, temperament and the dampness of turf made their judgements. Red Glow was the clear favourite. As we and all the Gipsy Lees now know, they were wrong and it was the Aga Khan who ended the day an even richer man. But few disagreed it had been, as ever, a fine day at the races.

Summit ends on sour note

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where the Kremlin has accused the US of stalling.

The two leaders instructed their negotiators to return to Geneva on July 12.

They agreed as a matter of principle that, once the remaining problems were solved, the treaty and its associated documents would be signed without delay.

And at their press conferences, both Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov suggested they might meet again for a fifth summit to sign a strategic arms accord.

On nuclear and space talks, the communiqué said that they had achieved "extensive and significant areas of agreement", and the statement summed up at length where the draft treaty now stood.

But President Reagan insisted in his press conference on his original vision of the Strategic Defence Initiative – his Star Wras programme. And Mr Gorbachov emphasized that, for the Soviet side, every issue is linked.

He said there could be no strategic arms deal nor a summit without resolution of the future of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which was left vague at the Washington summit in December.

The only arms agreement completed during their talks was the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, signed in December and ratified last week. At a ceremony yesterday morning, where they handed over the instruments of ratification in red folders, Mr Gorbachov declared: "The era of nuclear disarmament has begun." Mr Reagan replied: "These are historic moments."

Mr Gorbachov, in an expansive mood, threw his arm around Mr Reagan's shoulder as he declared that each of their summits had "made huge breaches in the cold-war fortress." On a personal level, the meeting was clearly a huge success.

The Kremlin leader noted at his press conference that Mr Reagan no longer saw the Soviet Union as "an evil empire". He told reporters with glee that on Tuesday Mr Reagan had retracted his famous statement while walking through Red Square. "He said 'no' and he said that right within the walls of the Kremlin ... As the ancient Greeks said, 'Everything changes,' ", Mr Gorbachov declared.

The Soviet leader made clear his dissatisfaction on television, for all his country to see, when he criticized the US for the summit's relatively meagre results. He was especially upset that trade had not been given much of a boost, and made a cutting remark during his press conference about the Jackson-Vanik Amendment that links cuts in US tariff barriers to freer emigration from the Soviet Union.

Officer 'sad' at row over Falklands battle play

By Ruth Gledhill

The Army officer who forced the BBC to cut a scene from *Tumbledown*, its Falklands drama, hours before it was screened said he was "saddened" that a fellow officer brought controversy into an heroic battle after which both men were decorated.

Captain James Stuart, of the Scots Guards, told his father Mr Andrew Stuart that he felt no anger with Mr Robert Lawrence, on whose experience the play was based.

Mr Stuart said: "I asked him if this made him angry with Robert. He said, 'not at all, I just feel tremendously sad, particularly on behalf of the men, that this kind of controversy should have come in, in a situation where we know that we did our job and did it to the best of our ability'.

"He understands the reasons for Robert's frustrations but feels you should not do that kind of thing to your fellow officers and fellow men."

Mr Stuart, a former ambassador to Finland, said his son painted a completely different picture of the action described in Mr Lawrence's book, in which a weeping young officer said: "Don't go on. It's too horrific. You'd be better off turning round and shooting anyone who tried to stop you going back."

Mr Stuart, who studied for the Bar and was awarded a gallantry medal as a special constable in Uganda, said no officer having just won a battle would make such a statement.

"He had just fought his platoon up one of the bloodiest ridges in the place and taken command after his sergeant died. He just was not in a frame of mind to say anything like that.

"For James as for all the other officers, what they feel is that they have shared an experience that no one else understands. What hurts James is that for reasons that have nothing to do with him, this special experience should be damaged and spoilt. He feels that this cheapens the whole thing."

Mr Stuart said his son, who was then aged 19 and had only recently joined the company from Sandhurst, led his platoon through more than three hours of gunfire after his sergeant died in his arms in an historic battle depicted in the official regimental portrait.

"The first part of the attack was led by my son's platoon. He cleared the gully that leads out of the side of the hill. His platoon was resting, having achieved that objective.

"Robert Lawrence's platoon came through it to deal with the rest up at the top. They met on the ridge.

"They would not have given him a Mention in Dispatches if he had been looking at the ground, crying his eyes out and spreading alarm and despondency.

"Robert is using the fact that he got the MC as evidence of his heroism. James has an equal right to do this as the fact that he was mentioned in dispatches proves his heroism.

"The only difference is that James was fortunate enough not to get wounded and Robert was wounded. That is the luck of the draw.

"James has tremendous sympathy for him, as he has for everyone else who was involved in the fighting. He regards him as a friend.

"The point is that whatever Robert's reasons for doing this, what he should not do is to rubbish his fellow officers who were just as brave as he was and who were decorated just as he was."

Mr Stuart said the affair had been "extremely upsetting" for his wife Pat.

"The last thing James wants to do is to discredit Robert. He has tremendous sympathy and fellow-feeling for him. He is a member of the same regiment and had the same experience

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Reference to incident may be cut from book

By Michael Evans

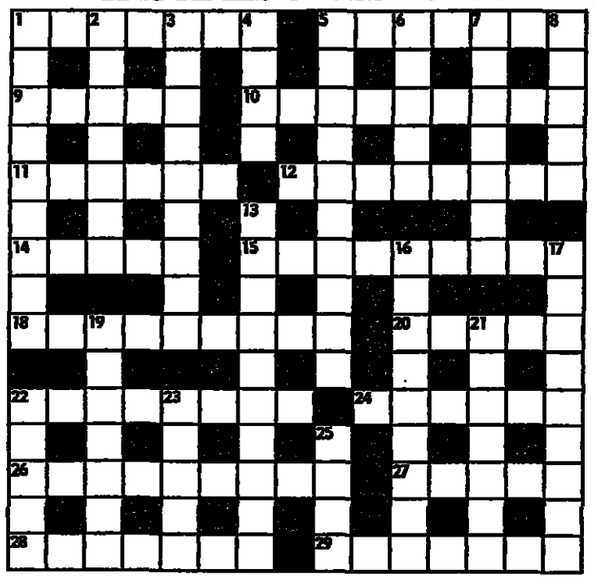
The publisher of Mr Lawrence's book, *When the Fighting is Over*, said yesterday it was still considering whether to remove a passage that referred to a young Scots Guards officer who was supposed to have called out: "Don't go on. You'd be better of turning round and shooting anyone who tried to stop you going back."

A spokesman for Bloomsbury publishers in London said it was taking legal advice over what response to make to a letter from lawyers representing Captain Stuart, who had asked for the passage to be taken out. The book went on sale last week.

On Tuesday the BBC agreed "on compassionate grounds" to remove a 12-second sequence from the drama, which depicted the same incident.

The publishers also said that both Mr Lawrence and his father, Mr John Lawrence, wanted to stay out of the limelight, following the showing of the programme, *Tumbledown*, on BBC television on Tuesday night. A spokeswoman said: "Robert Lawrence is not at his home in Oxfordshire."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,685



ACROSS

1 Weep and wail, say, to a large extent (7).
5 Improved, having swotted (7).
9 No use leaving caged bird inside (5).
10 Brilliant star's marvellous Avon come-back (9).
11 Sort of niche right for ornament (6).
12 Brave a terribly long family line (8).
14 Champion gunners win back the palm (5).
15 Grey horse named Merry Monarch (3,6).
18 In the lattice is a stained glass window (9).
20 Time to go down to Kew said Noyes (5)
22 Spirit of ancient Greek town attracting artist after artist (8).
24 Enthusiastic devotee did act badly (6).
26 Old British supremo writing to keeper of the treasury (9).
27 Where the towers, being topless, got burnt in Marlowe (5).
28 He annoys the king with record-player (7).
29 He takes a toll with his spear-head (7).

DOWN

1 A negro mob in disorder returning missile (9).
2 Rapid rise of swell at college (7).
3 A comforter in battle (9).
4 Wine increased in strength (4).
5 Steps taken when a vessel needs scaling (4-6).
6 Maiden has the right spirit (5).
7 The tube for below-surface travel (7).
8 Row about Arsenal and drink (5).
13 Morgan's sign gets jovial acknowledgment (5,5)
16 Drunken counsel rejects water (5,4).
17 Sailor may scan the endless rocks (9).
19 Huge individual gets medal on points (7).
21 The state of the people is calm, I hazard (7).
22 Literary figure first detected in the Rue Morgue (5).
23 We hear you're articled in the middle of the country (5).
25 Bargain for crop (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

RABAT
a. A carpenter's plane
b. A Moroccan coin
c. A type of rigging splice

ALLOTHEISM
a. A method of apportionment
b. A Gallic greeting
c. The worship of strange gods

BEULAH
a. A Southern temptress
b. A place of heavenly joy
c. New Orleans fish gumbo

IPSE
a. "Speaking personally"
b. Steatopygous
c. Computer software

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,684

P	R	E	H	E	N	S	I	L	E	■	■	O	■	G
■	E	■	O	■	E	■	S	■	V	E	S	P	E	R
P	L	U	M	B	A	G	O	■	A	■	■	P	■	E
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WEATHER

Northern Scotland will be cloudy with rain at first. Brighter conditions with sunny intervals and some showers will reach the rest of Scotland later. Much of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have some sunny spells although some some southern and south-eastern parts of England are likely to start rather cloudy. There will be some showers. Outlook: unsettled with showers or longer spells of rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	t	Malaga	20	68	s
Alicante	28	79	s	Malta	31	88	s
Alex'dria	26	77	c	Malls'rca	18	64	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Mexico C*	27	81	f
Amst'dm	15	59	s	Miami*	28	82	f
Athens	25	77	s	Montreal*	22	72	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Moscow	23	73	t
Barbados*	31	88	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Barcelna	22	72	s	Naples	21	70	f
Belgrade	19	66	r	N Delhi	38	102	c
Berlin	19	66	c	N York*	29	84	s
Biarritz	18	61	c	Nice	21	70	s
B Aires*	10	50	c	Oslo	17	63	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Paris	15	59	c
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Peking	25	77	s
C'blanca	24	75	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Chch'rch	9	48	s	Rio de J	30	86	f
Corfu	23	73	r	Riyadh	43	109	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Rome	23	73	f
Dubrovnik	17	63	s	S P'rsbrg*	18	64	f
Faro	29	84	s	Seoul	16	61	r
Florence	20	68	f	Sing'por	31	88	r
Funchal	21	70	c	St'kholm	8	46	r
Geneva	16	61	c	Strasb'g	17	63	c
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Sydney	17	63	c
Helsinki	14	57	c	Tangier	27	81	s
Hong K	30	86	r	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Innsbruck	15	59	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tokyo	23	73	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	29	84	s
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Tunis	28	82	s
Karachi	33	91	s	Valencia	25	77	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	r
Lisbon	22	72	s	Venice	18	61	c
Locarno	24	75	s	Vienna	16	61	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Warsaw	16	61	r
Lussnbg	14	57	s	Wash'ton*	32	90	s
Madrid	25	77	s	Wel'ston	11	52	s
Majorca	23	73	s	Zurich	15	59	c

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.7	.18	15	59	shower
Crosser	2.4	.07	17	63	bright
Lowestoft	0.8	.35	17	63	thundr
Clacton	4.0	.04	17	63	bright
Margate	1.6	.02	17	63	shower
Hastings	7.8	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	7.3	-	15	59	sunny
Brighton	7.6	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	9.5	.02	15	59	sunny
Bognor R	10.3	.06	15	59	sunny
Southsea	9.2	.01	16	61	sunny
Sandown	10.1	-	16	61	sunny
Bournemth	8.3	.01	18	64	bright
Weymouth	11.9	.02	15	59	sunny
Exmouth	9.7	.07	17	63	sunny
Torquay	7.2	.04	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	5.1	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	8.9	-	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.2	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	7.8	.04	16	61	sunny
Milehead	8.2	.25	16	61	shower
Morecambe	2.1	.14	14	57	cloudy
Douglas	*	.04	15	59	shower
Carlisle	2.0	.13	15	59	shower
Nottingham	1.0	.31	14	57	thundr
Anglesey	6.7	.02	15	59	bright
Colwyn Bay	7.3	.02	17	63	bright
Tenby	6.3	.27	15	59	bright
Aberdeen	8.2	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	7.4	.01	18	64	shower
Fairlslemuir	2.9	.12	15	59	shower
Kinloss	5.3	.06	17	63	shower
Lerwick	0.1	-	11	52	fog
Prestwick	3.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Stornoway	0.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Tiree	-	.28	13	55	rain
Wick	2.9	.01	11	52	rain

* Denotes figures not available
These are Tuesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

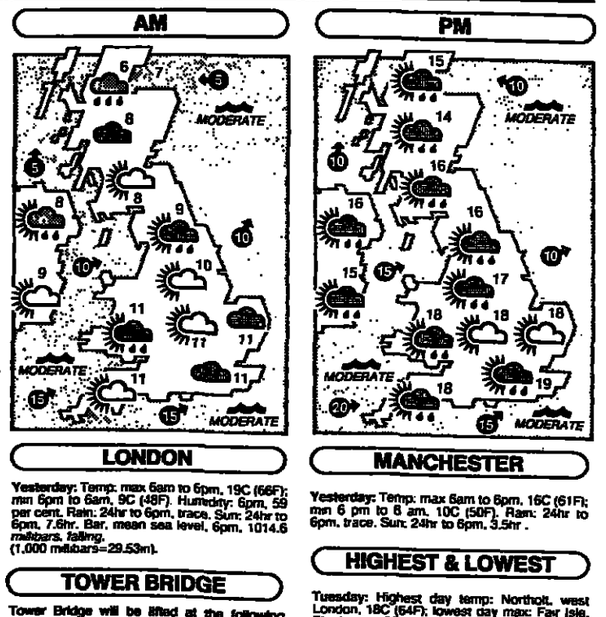
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.42	6.9	4.03	6.9
Aberdeen	3.05	4.1	3.39	4.0
Avonmouth	9.16	12.4	9.39	12.5
Belfast	12.34	3.3	1.04	3.2
Cardiff	9.01	11.5	9.24	11.5
Devonport	6.08	5.0	6.20	5.3
Glasgow	2.25	4.6	2.47	4.5
Harwich	1.38	3.9	1.57	3.8
Holyhead	—	—	12.22	5.3
Hull	8.16	6.9	8.44	6.9
Ilfracombe	7.56	6.6	8.17	6.9
Leith	4.21	5.3	4.55	5.4
Liverpool	12.54	9.2	1.18	9.0
Lowestoft	11.23	2.4	11.55	2.3
Margate	1.43	4.5	2.09	4.6
Milford Haven	8.12	6.7	8.33	6.8
Newquay	7.02	6.7	7.23	6.8
Oban	7.35	3.7	8.00	3.9
Penzance	7.02	5.1	7.20	5.4
Portland	9.04	1.9	9.29	2.0
Portsmouth	1.04	4.5	1.36	4.4
Shoreham	12.50	6.0	1.22	5.9
Southampton	12.31	4.4	1.04	4.3
Swansea	8.20	9.0	8.41	9.2
Tees	5.28	5.2	6.01	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	1.31	4.1	1.48	4.0

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THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.345	2.215
Austria Sch	23.00	21.80
Belgium Fr	68.50	65.10
Canada $	2.34	2.22
Denmark Kr	12.41	11.81
Finland Mkk	7.76	7.36
France Fr	11.62	10.48
Germany Dm	3.26	3.10
Greece Dr	259	244
Hong Kong $	14.75	14.00
Ireland Pt	1.221	1.161
Italy Lire	2410	2300
Japan Yen	249	238
Netherlands Gld	3.545	3.475
Norway Kr	11.88	11.28
Portugal Esc	264.50	251.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	215.25	204.25
Sweden Kr	11.35	10.85
Switzerland Fr	2.72	2.59
USA $	1.90	1.81
Yugoslavia Dar	4000	3000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 105.8 (April)
London: The *FT* index closed up 12.1 at 1438.6.



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1014.6 *millbars, falling.*
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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.5hr .

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 4.00am and 7.30am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Northolt, west London, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Swanage, Dorset, 12.4hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.40 pm to 4.18 am
Bristol 9.49 pm to 4.27 am
Edinburgh 10.19 pm to 4.03 am
Manchester 9.59 pm to 4.15 am
Penzance 9.54 pm to 4.46 am

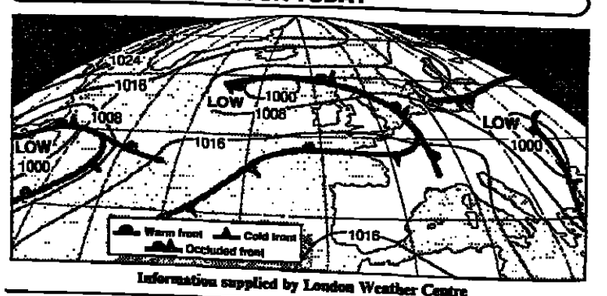
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, *fair; r, rain; s, sun.*

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	13	55	c
Birmingham	15	59	f	Inverness	14	57	f
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	13	55	c	London	19	66	f
Cardiff	13	55	c	Manchester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	15	59	f	Newcastle	16	61	f
Glasgow	14	57	r	R'nldsway	13	55	c

Sun rises: 4.48 am
Sun sets: 9.10 pm
Moon sets 5.47 am
Moon rises 12.04 am
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NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1439.6 (+12.1)	US dollar 1.8240 (–0.0145)
FT-SE 100 1805.7 (+21.3)	W German mark 3.1500 (–0.0260)
USM (Datastream) 155.31 (+0.57)	Trade-weighted 77.3 (–0.6)

THE TIMES

THURSDAY JUNE 2 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Carlton in $48m video buy

Carlton Communications, the television production company, reported better-than-expected interim profits, and revealed the purchase of Modern Video Productions, the world's biggest high-speed video duplication company, for $48 million (£26 million).

Future payments of $35 million may be payable by Carlton to Modern Video on an earn-out basis, depending on profits. Modern Video, with factories in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania in the US and Helmond in the Netherlands, reported adjusted pretax profits of $4 million last year on sales of $25.4 million. The vendors are budgeting for pretax profits of not less than $8.5 million this year.

Carlton's interim pretax profits jumped 59 per cent to £21.2 million on turnover more than doubled from £40.3 million to £85 million. Earnings per share rose 35 per cent to 18.3p, and the interim dividend was increased by 40 per cent 2.45p net.

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Stead increase

Stead & Simpson, the shoe chain under siege from Clayform, the property group, has revealed pretax profits up 24 per cent to £8.9 million. In addition, the company's defence document also shows earnings-per-share growth of 30 per cent a year and dividend growth of 16.6 per cent since 1983.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2056.19 (+25.07)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 27703.91 (+287.21)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2516.24 (+19.56)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 246.9 (+3.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1586.8 (+20.1)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1401.0 (+19.9)
Brussels:
General ..... 4721.3 (+32.8)
Paris: CAC ..... 340.9 (+8.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 450.1 (+4.7)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... 932.77 (+9.25)
FT-"500" ..... 1020.34 (+10.63)
FT Gold Mines ..... 224.5 (+7.2)
FT Fixed Interest ..... 98.36 (–0.27)
FT Govt Secs ..... 89.60 (–0.37)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Midland ..... 415p (+15p)
Schroders ..... 875p (+25p)
Standard Chart ..... 485½p (+19p)
Irish Distillers ..... 311p (+16p)
AG Stanley ..... 302½p (+17p)
ICI ..... 975p (+15p)
Broken Hill ..... 385p (+16p)
Beecham ..... 474½p (+13p)
Portals ..... 270p (+35p)
Glaxo ..... 918p (+20p)
W Runciman ..... 317½p (+20p)
Bradford ..... 715p (+15p)
Inchcape ..... 811p (+19p)
Honda ..... 757p (+24p)
Rank Org ..... 718½p (+12p)
LWT Holdings ..... 159½p (+10p)

FALLS:
Buckley's ..... 165p (–10p)
Elys Wimbledon ..... 675p (–20p)
BM Group ..... 370p (–10p)
Priest Marians ..... 365p (–13p)
Closing prices
Bargains 25807

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 7½%
3-month interbank 8-7⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 7¹¹/₁₆–7½%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.50-6.49%*
30-year bonds 99¹³/₃₂–99³/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8240	£: $1.8240*
£: DM3.1500	$: DM1.7252*
£: SwFr2.6283	$: SwFr1.4410*
£: FFr10.6339	$: FFr5.8270*
£: Yen228.36	$: Yen125.18*
£: Index:77.3	$: Index:93.8
ECU £0.660239	SDR £0.739625

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $457.00 pm-$456.75
close $456.75-457.25 (£250.50-251.00)
New York:
Comex $456.60-457.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $16.65bbl ($16.57)
* Denotes latest trading price

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'At any price it is still prostitution'



Calling for a re-think: Sir Hector Laing, opening Poplar business park in London's Docklands this week

By Sir Hector Laing

Takeover battles are decided by 'what the shareholders want'. The chairman of United Biscuits argues that fund managers should rethink their responsibilities

Who *are* the shareholders? And what *do* they want? The "shareholders" who make the life-or-death decisions for British public companies are approximately 50 or 60 fund managers in major financial institutions, who may or may not personally own a few shares, but who have been appointed agents to manage millions of shares for millions of individual pension fund members and life policy holders.

Those managing agents probably believe that, by maximizing the value of their funds through short-term dealing, they are acting in their clients' best interests. But perhaps we should be asking them, and they should be asking themselves, if they really are.

Do we really want to go down in history as the generation which sold for a mess of pottage the finest British companies, which have successfully built brand names and franchises of high repute over a century or more – companies which are well managed and provide a good return on investment, and which are committed to making a contribution to the communities in which they trade and operate in terms of leadership as well as resources? I do not believe the vast majority of people want to see British industry sold abroad for jam today.

Considering the number of major British companies currently the subject of takeover speculation, it seems that in the present climate any and all of British industry is for sale if the price is right. Prostitution is not a pretty word, and I am sure we will not sell ourselves cheap – but at any price it is still prostitution.

Do we suppose that a national institution like Marks and Spencer could not fall to foreign control if someone offered double the present share price? What then of their "Made in Britain" policy? What prospects then for the Yorkshire textile industry?

If too many of our major companies are taken over by non-British owners, and free market forces make that more rather than less likely, then the UK will become increasingly a satellite economy, with decision-makers based elsewhere. If the strategic management decisions about businesses operating in this country are taken in Munich or Milan, in Minneapolis or Melbourne, who will then uphold the interests of British employees and British communities? Do we not care or do we not understand?

As a Scot I have not enjoyed seeing the control of many large businesses moving out of Scotland because of the concentration of wealth and power in the South-east of England, where those who call the shots are more likely to be based. As a Briton I do not want that to happen to the United Kingdom as a whole, because it would not be loss of commercial power only, but ultimately of political power as well. If Britain loses its economic power base with the loss of ownership of its major businesses, who in the world would heed our views? We would be reduced to political serfdom too.

I recognize that it is important for Britain to remain an open market, and that our financial services industry depends on a free international flow of money, but the City enjoys a substantial degree of protection under Banking and Financial Services Acts.

It is said that chauvinism is wrong, but the Germans, French and Japanese have free market economies and trade successfully in world markets, and they are certainly chauvinistic – much more so than we are. They have economic and financial structures which safeguard their national interests. Are we so sure that our policy is right and everyone else's is wrong? We must safeguard *our* national interest – otherwise, some of what we think of as large British companies, but which are by world standards very small, will become increasingly easy takeover targets for much larger foreign predatory companies.

The Government should now redefine the terms of reference of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission so that we can create world-class British companies specialized in one industry, even if this appears to reduce UK competition. In parallel, perhaps we should at least stall the speed at which control of our businesses can be transferred.

In a contested takeover, there is something inequitable in the impotence of a company's long-service employees, which contrasts strongly with the concentration of power in the hands of a relatively few fund managers.

Would it not be sensible to devise some formula by which to redress the balance between money and time?

We have fought wars to keep Britain independent. Are we now going to sell that heritage for instant cash gratification? It is said that money always talks, but are we really so cynical that we conform to Oscar Wilde's definition of knowing "the price of everything and the value of nothing"? When our children and grandchildren ask us what we were doing while Great Britain Limited sold her independence, and with it her self-respect, how will we answer them?

I am not calling for a radical change in our capital system but a re-think of attitudes to trading in capital, and an acceptance of responsibility of ownership on the part of fund managers, so that they are better serving the long-term interests of the ultimate owners and the nation.

Base rate fear as pound falls

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell sharply against all leading currencies yesterday, raising fears of an early rise in base rates. Dealers believe rates could be increased from the 7.5 per cent at present before the end of the week if sterling's fall persists.

The pound dropped 2.6 pfennigs to DM3.15, nearly five pfennigs down on its peak of just under DM3.20 on Monday. It fell 1.45 cents against the dollar to $1.8240. The sterling index was down 0.6 points to 77.3.

The dollar was steady against the mark and yen, amid continuing expectations of a rise in the US discount rate, now 6.5 per cent.

Treasury officials said the Chancellor had made clear his willingness to raise interest rates in response to a falling pound but emphasized that there was no mechanistic relationship between sterling and the level of base rates.

The Bank of England made no attempt to halt the pound's fall by intervening in the markets. Bank officials said it was important to disentangle the reasons for sterling's weakness and that the drop appeared to be largely due to the strength of the dollar and the mark's recovery.

Dealers said the pound's failure to break through DM3.20 gave the impression that its upside potential was limited, and that worries over Britain's balance of payments were gaining prominence.

It is clear that the City expects the Chancellor to act to raise rates with as much alacrity as he reduced them when the pound was rising.

An extreme version of this view is provided by Shearson Lehman Hutton's *Quarterly UK Economic Forecast*, published today, which predicts 12 per cent base rates by September in response to both sterling weakness and excessive credit growth.

A current account deficit of £8 billion is forecast this year, widening to £12 billion next. If sterling holds around current levels, the forecast deficit widens to nearly £16 billion next year.

Money market rates moved sharply higher as the pound fell, steadying later. The three-month interbank rate rose to 8-7⅞ per cent, consistent with a half-point rise in base rates.

"This is a good test for Nigel Lawson," said Mr Andrew Smith, economist at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker. "But if he does raise rates, there is a risk that people will see present levels as the new floor for sterling."

"The pound had risen by 20 pfennigs since early March and it was right for a bit of profit-taking," said Mr David Morrison, chief international economist at Goldman Sachs.

But he said the Chancellor would be unwise to let sterling fall too sharply for too long against all currencies without raising rates in response.

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'Refer the bid': Prof Grigor McClelland (right), Prof Christopher Holdsworth (centre), and Steven Burkeman of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Rowntree trusts battle on

By Our City Staff

Rowntree shares were virtually unchanged yesterday at 1,039p in a trading volume just short of 1 million shares, as charitable trusts associated with the besieged chocolate group reiterated their opposition to the foreign bids.

In York, Rowntree's workforce appeared to give up its fight and decided to urge Mr Kenneth Dixon, the chairman, to start talks with the Swiss bidders to secure the best possible deal.

The fight for independence continued in London, however, where trustees for the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, which owns 2.9 per cent, said they were "deeply unhappy" about various aspects of the Swiss bids. The trustees called on the Government to intervene "in view of the damage being done to the company and its employees" and urged that both bids be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, despite Government's stated position last week that it would not.

Giltvote wins Epic battle

By Joe Joseph

Giltvote, the consortium headed by Mr Stephan Wingate, has won the drawn-out battle for control of Estates Property Investment Company after gaining 56.5 per cent of the group.

But its freedom to exploit its new acquisition fully has been limited by the refusal of Peachey Property, the rival bidder which first launched a bid for Epic in January, to tender its 33.2 per cent stake to the winning offer.

Mr Aubrey Adams, the finance director of Peachey, said: "It is not our intention to accept Giltvote's 275p a share offer. We will sit with the shares that we have because we believe we have a good investment. We certainly look forward to them managing our share of the business well."

But, hinting that Giltvote might be able to rid itself of its large minority shareholder by offering Peachy some of Epic's industrial property interests, Mr Adams added: "We would like a share of the assets that drew us to Epic. If there is an opportunity for us to acquire part of the original portfolio we will consider it."

Hanson sells HP sauce

By Geoffrey Foster

Hanson, the diversified industrial conglomerate, is expected to announce today the £200 million disposal of its HP and Lea & Perrins sauce labels, which it acquired after it bought Imperial Group for £2.5 billion two years ago.

The deal comes nearly three months after the sale of its Ross Young frozen foods company to United Biscuits for £335 million.

Hanson shares moved up 2p to 130p in a heavy turnover with dealers expecting Hanson to use the cash on an acquisition soon.

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Birch wins Stanley with higher bid

By Colin Campbell

Ward White yesterday won the crucial backing of Williams Holding and in turn the AG Stanley board when it raised its bid for the Stanley group from an effective £116 million to £130 million.

The higher offer was sweetened by the addition of £6.54 in cash (or loan notes) to the original offer of 23 new Ward White convertible preference shares for every 10 ordinary shares in Stanley.

The cash alternative has been increased from 253p for each Stanley share to 300p for each Stanley share.

The higher terms were sufficient for Williams Holdings, owner of 25.36 per cent of Stanley, to accept Ward White's offer. The Stanley board followed suit, giving Ward White an overall 44.77 per cent acceptance by last night.

On the stock market, Stanley shares – which had recently traded well above the first offer price and were clearly signalling that a higher bid was in the wings – climbed from 285p to 303p. Ward White shares advanced from 289p to 299p.

Mr Philip Birch, the chairman of Ward White, who had led a spirited attack on Stanley's trading record, yesterday said the merger would be of great benefit.

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Crowther struggle continues

By Michael Tate

Holders of around 1 per cent of John Crowther shares are understood to have withdrawn their acceptances of the takeover bid by Coloroll, as Thomas Robinson continues to put up a fight for control of the carpets group.

Mr Graham Rudd, the Robinson chairman, has written again to Crowther shareholders stressing that their own board has now withdrawn its recommendation of the Coloroll offer.

At last night's closing price, the Coloroll share offer was worth 183p, compared with Thomas Robinson's cash bid of 190p.

Troubled fund management group in takeover talks

Barlow Clowes on the market

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Peter Clowes, the head of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, was yesterday in negotiations with "a blue chip public company" which he claimed was "seriously interested" in taking over the troubled fund management group.

"It is a very substantial company," he said. "We are looking at the possibility of it taking over the client accounts and the assets of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, paying the clients their money back and then building up the business again on the basis of the existing goodwill."

Barlow Clowes has been put into temporary liquidation and prevented from trading at the request of the Securities and Investments Board, the new City watchdog.

Any deal would require the approval of the High Court. And any "goodwill" remaining would depend on Barlows' 7,000 clients receiving their £51 million of funds in full.

There have been suggestions, however, that there is a £1.7m deficiency in the fund.

Mr Clowes said that the alleged deficiency was only arrived at if one calculated the cost of repurchasing the original gilts which went into Barlow's £51 million fund.

However, he stressed that the correct approach was to value the right to income and return of capital that Barlow's clients were entitled to under their contracts with the fund management group. "On this basis there is no deficit," Mr Clowes said.

However, he admitted that the firm had perhaps been "slack" in not setting out in its discretionary management contract with clients exactly what their rights would be on an early redemption of their gilts investment.

"We need to get professional people – actuaries or auditors – to calculate exactly how much each client is entitled to as a percentage of the fund," Mr Clowes said.

He also denied any suggestion that clients' money in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers had been combined with money in a separate Barlow Clowes fund run from Gibraltar.

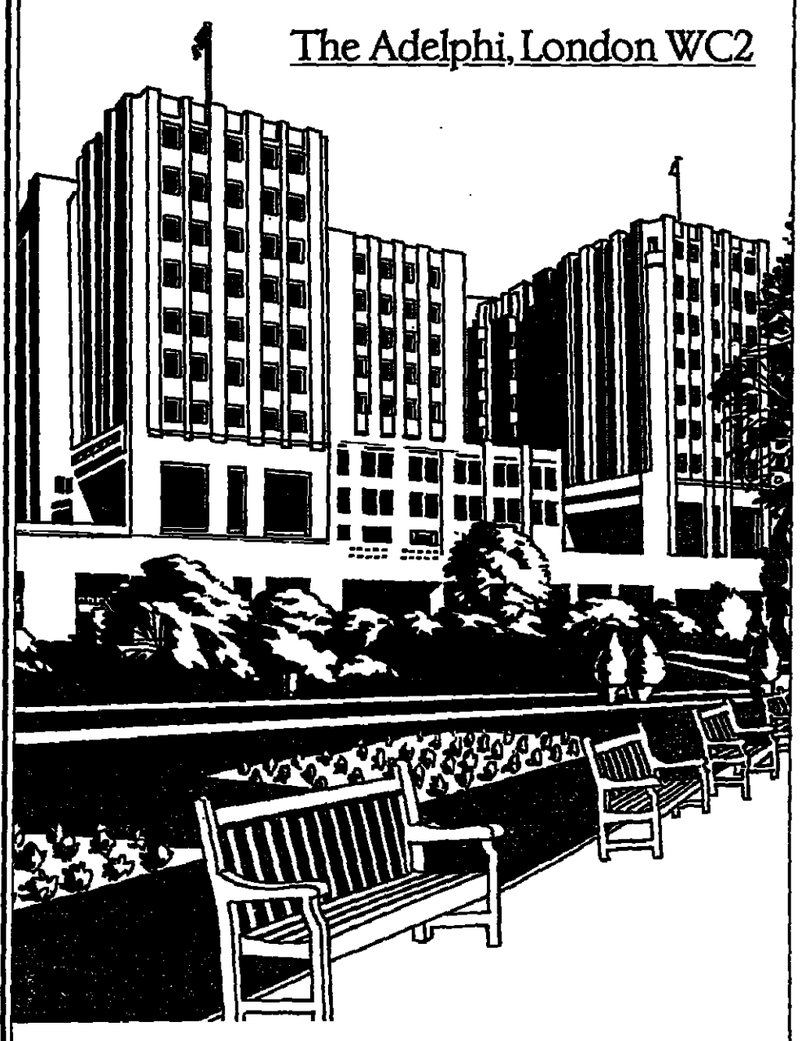
"The Gibraltar operation has lent some of its profits to James Ferguson [the parent company of Barlow Clowes] to avoid paying witholding tax within the group which we would have to do if it made a distribution. But this is not clients' money, it is the profit from the business itself, the office account".

Meanwhile, details have emerged of how the SIB effectively closed down Barlow's operations last week.

Mr Ian Crabtree, the finance director of James Ferguson, said that 10 representatives of the SIB arrived unannounced at Barlow's offices at 2.45pm last Monday, six in Poynton, near Manchester, and four in London.

At one point the SIB insisted on seeing what was in a Barlow deed box held in London. The key, however, was in the Poynton office. Mr Crabtree said: "We told them there was nothing in it, and said they could take it into safe custody until the key was brought down to London in a couple of days.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hickson pays £13m for expansion in US

Hickson International, the chemicals and timber protection group, is extending its string of acquisitions by buying an 80.9 per cent stake in Kerley, a US chemicals company, for $24 million (£13.1 million) cash.

Kerley, based at Phoenix, Arizona, makes and markets sulphur-based products, utilizing oil refinery waste sulphur streams. Kerley's products are used mainly in the US agricultural, mining, photographic and paper industries. Two-thirds of its sales are taken up by agricultural chemicals. Last year Kerley made pretax profits of $7.35 million on sales of $42.2 million.

Quadrant acquisition

Quadrant, the photographic and video group, has bought North East Communications, a cellular communications business, for an initial £315,000 in shares, with further payments up to a maximum of £350,000 dependent on profits over the next three years. North East Communications made pretax profits of £26,000 in the year to February 29 on turnover of £590,000.

Life Sciences' £2m purchase

Life Sciences International has paid $3.55 million (£1.94 million) in cash for Whale Scientific, a Denver-based laboratory products business. The private American company made operating profits of $800,000 on a $2.06 million turnover last year. LSI believes it will fit well within its Shandon Scientific division and hopes to improve Whale's sales in Europe.

LI adds restaurants

Leisure Investments, the USM-quoted snooker hall and amusement arcade group, has bought another four London restaurants in a £2.1 million deal that extends its chain to seven.

The purchases include two Japanese restaurants – Pier 31 on the Thames Embankment, and the Tokyo Brasserie in Old Brompton Road. The others are Mumtaz, winner of the 1988 Indian Restaurant of the Year award, and Paparazzi in Fulham Palace Road. Five more outlets are scheduled for opening by the end of the year. LI raised £12.2 million from shareholders through a rights issue in February.

Hoskyns up to £3.72m

Hoskyns Group, the computer services company, lifted pretax profits from £2.76 million to £3.72 million in the half year to end-April, with turnover rising £8 million to £48 million. Hoskyns has signed agreements worth £80 million, and won a £4 million contract for the Eurotunnel Channel tunnel project. The interim dividend is up 50 per cent to 0.9p.

Wace Group buys Studio

Wace Group, the printing company, is paying an initial £375,000 for Michael Mann Studio, which specializes in colour and black and white retouching for London advertising agencies. It made pretax profits of £179,104 on sales of £661,523 in the year to October 31. Wace may make additional payments depending on Michael Mann's performance over the next two years.

Rolfe & Nolan leaps

Rolfe & Nolan Computer Services, the City software specialist, has weathered the storm of last October's stock market crash to report an increase in taxable profits from £290,000 to £510,000 in the year to February 29. The company is looking for acquisitions to capitalize on its strong financial position.

Rolfe & Nolan made record sales to financial institutions last year and says that although business has slowed since October, prospects remain good. Turnover during the year rose from £2.21 million to £3.02 million. A final dividend of 2.5p is being paid, making a total 4p, an increase of 1p on the previous year.

United wins $4m order

United Scientific Instruments, a subsidiary of United Scientific Holdings, which manufactures defence equipment, has received an order worth $4 million (£2.2 million) to supply optical equipment and artillery components and spare parts to a customer in Asia. The order is due to be completed by 1990.

Dubilier goes to Peek

Peek, the ambitious industrial holding company led by Mr Kenneth Mand, the South African businessman, has declared its offer for Dubilier International, the manufacturer of electronics components, wholly unconditional after gaining control of 54.85 per cent of Dubilier International's ordinary equity

TEMPUS

Stead & Simpson steps up defence

There is probably even less sympathy around for the incumbents at Stead & Simpson, the shoe chain, than there usually is for targets of unwelcome takeover bids.

Its pedestrian image and uninspiring record do not help, but the real problem is its anachronistic two-tier voting structure, which gives control to the owners of 1.6 million voting shares, representing a mere 2.8 per cent of the equity.

Excluding property profits, Stead & Simpson's pretax profits were virtually static between 1985 and 1987, before rising 16 per cent last year. But if property profits are included, earnings per share growth looks more impressive. Yesterday's defence document showed earnings rising by an average 30 per cent a year since 1983, helped by a falling tax charge.

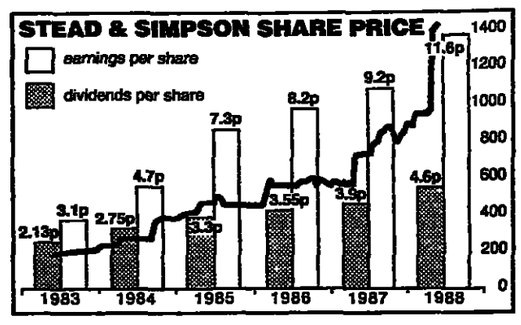
Nevertheless, Clayform's £89.5 million offer in turn looks mean to the point of being cheeky, regardless of whether Stead & Simpson is valued on property values or earnings. The shops, excluding the short leaseholds, were worth £79.5 million two years ago, and are certainly worth more now. Meanwhile, the historic exit price/earnings ratio, including property profits, for the non-voting shares is just 10.7, barely above the market average.

Judging by the market price of Stead & Simpson shares, Clayform is unlikely to win many acceptances on its first closing date next Tuesday, despite the size of the incentive being offered to the non-voting shareholders. The all-important voting shares stand at £14.25, compared with Clayform's offer of £12 a share.

Perhaps more intriguingly, the non-voting A ordinary shares are standing at 128p, barely above the Clayform offer price of 125p. Clayform's offer values the voting shares at 9.6 times the non-voting. So if the voting shares are £14.25, the non-voting should be worth 148p, especially when it is remembered that if Clayform increases its offer for the voting shares, it must also increase its offer for the non-voting shares by the same percentage.

Furthermore, Clayform could increase its offer for the non-voting A shares without increasing its offer for the voting shares. But it is likely to do this only if the directors were to recommend the bid, giving rise to a potential conflict of interest for the Stead & Simpson board since it is they and their families who are the main voting shareholders.

Stead & Simpson will argue that the non-voting shareholders' interests are protected since most voting shareholders hold both classes of shares. But they would be much better protected if they were enfranchised. Then they could decide for themselves where their best interests lay.



Ferguson Industrial

From his chairman's fastness in Appleby Castle, Mr Denis Vernon has been trying to change the image of Ferguson Industrial Holdings. From what appeared a conventional industrial holding company ragbag, it has concentrated on what he calls the 4Ps – printing, packaging, plastics and a nascent publishing business – all in the lighter and more specialized areas such as labels and coathangers. But there are a few vestiges of the old days, of which the name is perhaps the least helpful.

The new-style Ferguson is doing well, if not spectacularly, as the 4p fall in the shares to 269p yesterday suggested. Turnover is up about 40 per cent, and pretax profit 20 per cent, partly because newcomers Empery (US printing) and Berisfords (labels) had lower margins.

Nominal earnings per share were virtually stationary at 22.7p, but there was a 20 per cent rise to 21.9p stripping out investment profits from selling a share portfolio to buy the new companies. On that basis, the shares sell at 12 times earnings.

An 11 per cent rise in the dividend to 10p gives a dividend yield of 3.7 per cent. This would be by no means expensive if the shares really earned a rerating to match the claimed change of style. But it is too early to take that for granted.

Bar the odd mistake, Ferguson's strength lies in maintaining high returns on capital employed, while achieving growth in little-regarded businesses. There has been a worthwhile rise in dividends in each of the past five years.

The group has become more selective, for instance, by selling the trimmings side of Berisfords to management. And the small publishing division, which pushed profits up to £258,000 on good margins producing town maps, clearly has scope for expansion by acquisition.

This looks unspectacularly promising. Investors are unlikely to come to harm by tucking a few shares away.

Ward White

Ward White's acquisition of AG Stanley means more than customers being able to buy hammers and nails in one of its do-it-yourself outlets in the morning and smart drawing room curtains in a high street shop in the afternoon.

It means a more decisive direction for earnings, and it has rekindled hopes on the earnings front, with the year ending January 1990 particularly in mind. As a result, Ward White shares were up from 289p to near the 300p level yesterday.

For a share which has underperformed the market by 10 per cent in the past month, recognition has at last arrived.

Whatever the barbs and criticism directed at AG Stanley and its dreary record while Ward White's original offer was on the table, Ward White was yesterday emphasizing the positive aspects of that company.

The deal gives Ward White at least 500 high street shops which are strong in the decorative products sector. Even though Stanley will be in Ward White for only six months of the current financial year, there should be only modest earnings dilution.

After recently reporting end- January 1988 profits of £65.5 million, or 26.9p a share, Ward White had been expected to turn in £76 million this financial year, equivalent to 30.6p a share.

Now the forecast for this financial year is for £83.2 million, or earnings of 30.1p. For the following year – with Stanley in for a full 12 months and an organic contribution from current Ward White interests – the forecast is for profits in the £103 million region, equivalent to net earnings around the 34.7p a share mark.

Ward White now offers a prospective rating of 9.9, which eases to 8.6 on 1990 forecasts.

If Ward White now holds the reigns on its paper and allows earnings to motor, the current share price level could prove to have been cheap on a year's view.

Carlton

If the potential shake-up in television broadcasting franchises has left the shares of the television companies in the doldrums, it has had the opposite effect on the independent television production companies.

Carlton Communications, whose interim pretax result of £21.2 million exceeded market expectations, remains a prime beneficiary.

Its outstanding profits performance since coming to the market is directly attributable to the substantial increase in the number of programmes being produced in the independent sector.

Indeed, the changes taking place within the television sector, ranging from round-the-clock broadcasting to additional terrestrial, cable and satellite stations, can only continue to be to the benefit of such companies as Carlton.

As the market for programmes expands, Carlton will grow, but the share price looks to be well up with events.

Analysts are looking for full-year pretax profits to grow 45 per cent to £49 million, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of nearly 20.

However, the shares have never been cheap, and the rating is justified by growth prospects.

A further 30 per cent leap in pretax profits is forecast for 1989.

Auditors' incomes jump in boom

By Richard Thomson

Three leading chartered accountancy firms yesterday reported sharply higher income for 1987, confirming that the industry is booming, particularly on the audit side.

Coopers & Lybrand achieved a 20 per cent growth in fee income, from £143 million to £172 million to end-March – the fifth consecutive year in which it has grown by at least 20 per cent.

Audit, accounting and financial advisory practice performed strongly, with income of £79.5 million as several clients were taken on, including Cadbury Schweppes, Pentos and British Steel.

The tax practice was the highest performing part of the group, with fee income up 32 per cent at £29 million. The company employs 5,087 partners and staff.

Touche Ross, the accountants and management consultants, announced a 24.6 per cent fee income increase to £116.6 million for the year to April 15.

The management consultancy operation boosted its income by 75 per cent to £27.9 million, while auditing and accounting income rose by half to £58.5 million. Touche Ross has 3,638 partners and staff.

Spicer & Oppenheim, the smallest of the three, reported the largest increase in fee income, up 26 per cent to £68 million during the year to end-April.

The company said the increase reflected the company's continuing expansion of clientele and services.

Spicer claims to be the third fastest growing international accountancy firm in terms of fee income over the last two years, up 62 per cent.

Its involvement in entrepreneurial owner-managed businesses in Britain has grown. The company also launched a corporate finance subsidiary and a personal finance advisory and planning service.



Sir Philip: £103,743

Harris's 16.9% pay rise

By Michael Tate

Sir Philip Harris, the chairman of Harris Queensway, awarded himself a 16.9 per cent salary increase last year – when pretax profits of the carpets and home furnishings group slumped from £50.1 million to £16.9 million. The company is now involved in discussions with a potential buyer.

Sir Philip's salary for the year ended January was £103,743 compared with the £88,695 he drew for the previous year, according to the Harris Queensway report and accounts.

The pay of the highest-paid director, believed to be Mr Martin Watts, the managing director, almost doubled from £88,695 to £165,138.

The accounts also show that a total of £386,000 was paid out in compensation for loss of office to directors who left during the year. Four directors left the board during the period.

Canning pays £1.3m for LJ

W Canning, the chemicals, metals, electronics and medical services group, is paying £1.28 million for LJ Specialities. The price includes £290,000 of repaid borrowings. LJ distributes a range of specialized chemicals and dyes to textile dyers throughout Britain and Europe, and has annual sales of £1.7 million.

Institutions back new Atlantic Assets plan

Ivory & Sime has unveiled ingenious and flexible proposals for reconstructing and liquidating its £130 million Atlantic Assets Trust, giving shareholders a chance to eliminate most of the shares' customary 25 per cent discount to net asset value.

One plan was turned down in February, but the new scheme follows extensive talks with institutional shareholders pledging the support of 39 per cent of Atlantic's shares.

The scheme gives shareholders of the investment trust a choice between taking cash, switching to a mutual fund or holding investment trust shares.

Although 75 per cent support is required, Mr David Ross, Ivory's managing director, is confident of success at a shareholders' meeting next month.

The proposal also involves – and depends on – a radical reconstruction of Independent Investment, another investment trust 60 per cent owned by Atlantic. This has won prior support from 45 per cent of outside Independent shareholders and 37 per cent of warrant-holders.

Shareholders will be able to switch their Atlantic shares into either of two Atlas subfunds at a discount of 5 per cent to Atlantic's net asset value.

Atlas is an open-ended mutual fund with 15 different specialist sub-funds, which Ivory plans to develop as the equivalent of a stable of unit trusts which it can promote throughout Europe when financial rules are harmonized.

Atlantic shareholders will be offered a choice of the Atlas Global Capital Equity Portfolio or its Sterling Liquidity Fund, a cost-free halfway house for those wanting to take cash or to switch into one of the other portfolios.

The pool left in Atlantic from the 5 per cent discount will finance a complex deal with Independent.

Atlantic will sell its entire £23 million portfolio of unquoted shares to Independent at asset value less the pool arising from the discount. At the same time, Independent will buy Atlantic's holding in Independent (valued at £38 million) at net asset value and immediately cancel it.

Atlantic shareholders will have the third option of switching into Independent shares newly created at asset value. Independent is a trust specializing in venture capital principally appealing to institutional shareholders.

This deal will improve Independent's asset value (and hence benefit switching Atlantic shareholders) by the amount of the discount generated out of funds moving to Atlas. The value to Independent thus depends on how many Atlantic holders choose one of the Atlas options.

If all opt for Atlas, Ivory calculates on end-April figures that Independent's net asset value a share would rise by a quarter. But the increase drops back to a 10th if 20 per cent opt for Independent shares and only 7 per cent if a third choose that route.

Mr Ross thinks that no more than a third will opt for Independent.

Independent will have a fixed winding-up date in the year 2000. As a final part of the deal, Atlantic will pay 9.5p cash per warrant to its own warrant-holders on prescribed terms and cancel its own warrants in Independent for nothing. This contributes to an overall expected cost of £2 million for the scheme. Ivory is not asking for any management compensation.

Although new proposals were expected, Independent shares rose 4.5p to 46.5p yesterday, a 12 per cent discount on present asset value, and its warrants by 2p to 9p.

Apart from the discount purchase, Independent benefits by fulfilling its changed strategy of concentrating on unlisted shares at a stroke.

The company will shrink to cancel Atlantic's holding by realizing much of its existing quoted portfolio. It will also achieve a more balanced venture capital portfolio because its own holdings are concentrated in technology and management buyouts (principally MFT) while the purchased Atlantic holdings are more in the financial, service and energy sectors and are more mature companies.

Atlantic shares rose 1p to 47.5p, a 10 per cent discount on asset value of about 52.8p after expenses and the cost of repaying the warrants.

Shareholders in Japan Assets, another investment trust managed by Ivory, will vote today on a comparable reconstruction plan.

Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Ivory trusts

Ivory & Sime has suffered management problems and looked vulnerable to the gradual withdrawal of institutional investors from all but specialist investment trusts. But if two schemes it has organized to reconstruct investment trusts are approved, its fortunes will turn up. It will emerge a much more balanced management company, with two general investment trusts aimed at private investors, two specialist development capital trusts for institutions and a mutual fund stable employing a unit trust team.

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Abbey	1,380	CU	1,979	Laporte	441	Saatchi	1,645
Ald-Lyons	1,699	Cons Gold	489	L&G	1,236	Sainsbury	772
Amstrad	1,102	Cookson	1,232	Lloyds	5,927	Scot & N	872
ASDA	3,425	Courtaulds	1,378	Lonrho	3,414	Sears	11,300
AB Foods	177	Dalgety	1,233	Lucas	583	Sedgwick	1,356
Argyll	1,502	Dee	1,772	Magnet	833	Shell	1,668
BAA	1,700	Dixons	1,953	M&S	7,423	Smith & N	2,647
BET	517	ECC	1,249	Maxwell Cm	1,524	Smith WH	340
BTR	5,679	Enterprise	1,431	MEPC	663	Smiths Ind	76
BAT	2,925	Ferranti	1,213	Metal Box	1,969	STC	1,230
Barclays	1,990	Fisons	1,134	Midland	1,749	Stan Chart	1,068
Bass	684	FKI Babck	224	NatWest	2,505	Storehse	1,049
Beecham	2,770	Gen Acc	68	Next	3,165	Sun Alince	128
Beazer	2,119	GEC	2,854	Nth Food	725	T & N	293
Berisfd SW	397	Glaxo	2,460	P&O	795	Tarmac	2,465
BICC	71	Globe Inv	325	Pearl	153	Tate & Lyle	473
Blue Arrow	1,066	Glynwed	228	Pearson	451	TSB	7,644
Blue Circle	339	Granada	1,696	Pilkington	2,438	Tesco	2,149
BOC	2,865	Grand Met	1,958	Plessey	1,331	Thorn EMI	674
Boots	629	GUS 'A'	254	Prudential	2,978	Trafalgar	1,790
BPB	1,092	GRE	156	Racal	10,357	THF	3,531
Br Aero	1,278	GKN	1,024	Rk Hovis	226	Ultramar	1,865
Br Airways	2,843	Guinness	1,779	Rank	435	Unigate	1,910
Br Comm	428	Hamm 'A'	279	R&C	684	Unilever	1,107
Br Gas	5,120	Hanson	7,741	Redland	2,207	United Bis	5,427
Br Petrol	2,359	Hawker	679	Reed	663	Utd News	124
Br Telecm	6,436	Hillsdown	1,075	Reuters	899	Wellcome	1,753
Britoil	10	IMI	1,579	RMC Gp	213	Whitbrd	1,247
Bunzl	1,191	ICI	1,399	RTZ	1,611	Williams	3,599
Burmah	398	Inchcape	883	R-Royce	2,421	Willis Fab	2,027
Burton	989	Jaguar	1,253	Rothmn 'B'	165	Wimpey G	8
C&W	5,221	Lasmo	1,096	Rowntree	935	Woolworth	981
Cadbury	4,303	Ladbroke	626	Royal Bank	504	Equities page 29	

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Adam & Company	7.50%
BCCI	7.50%
Consolidated Crds	7.50%
Co-operative Bank	7.50%
C. Hoare & Co	7.50%
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Lloyds Bank	7.50%
Nat Westminster	7.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	7.50%
TSB	7.50%
Citibank NA	7.50%

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ASB Barnett	70 +2
Acre Oil	194 +5
Carbo	143
Clinton Cards (150p)	171 –2
Conroy Pet	57 +1
Degenham Motors	113
Dana Exploration	33
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	101
Everest Foods (165p)	180
Gardner (DC)	151
HPC Group	105
Harding Gp	67
Herring Sun (150p)	155 –2
Johnston (122p)	140
Kitty Little (90p)	110
Morris Ashby (90p)	90 +2
P&P (175p)	195 +2
Page (Michael)	59 +1
Pennant	24 +1
Portugal	546 +46
Porvair (78p)	91 +1
Recham Env (195p)	225 –1
Sanderson Elec	133
Serco Gp (230p)	238
Shani Grp	91
TGI (130p)	138 +2
Texas Instr	£24½ +1⅝
Thorntons (125p)	130
Wardell Rob	48
Waterman Part (140p)	140

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Bk of Wales N/P	17 +3
CLF Hldgs N/P	11
Eadie Hldgs N/P	1½ +½
Ewart N/P	
Geevor Tin N/P	2
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Inquiry into HK market set to recommend key changes

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The government-appointed Securities Review Committee will today take the wraps off its report on Hong Kong's financial system.

The Hay Davison report, which will be the blueprint for Hong Kong's future as a financial centre, will cover topics such as the Stock Exchange, the futures exchange, and the make-up of the Crown Colony's securities watchdogs.

The five-member committee, headed by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the former chief executive of Lloyd's of London, was set up shortly after the October stock market crash, which virtually destroyed overseas confidence in Hong Kong as a serious financial centre.

The market was one of the hardest hit when prices fell round the world, and the futures exchange had to be bailed out with a rescue package masterminded by London merchant bankers.

As if that was not enough, Mr Ronald Li, the former chairman of the Stock Exchange, was arrested and is now on bail after being charged with accepting a share bribe to allow a listing to take place.

The main function of the committee is to show the world Hong Kong is serious about cleaning up its financial securities markets.

It is expected to recommend that overseas brokers be given more power over the running of the Stock Exchange, a move sure to arouse the anger of the colony's small brokers who have traditionally controlled it.

It will suggest that representation on the Stock Exchange committee be broadened to include foreign and corporate brokers. The main committee now consists of 21 small local brokers.

The report is also certain to come up with changes to Hong Kong's 24-hour settlement system, with some brokers saying they need more time to process share transactions. The committee is likely to suggest an increase to between three and five days.

This could actually undermine confidence as increasing the time allowed for settlement will also increase the exposure, and risk, of brokers.

A decision on whether or not selling short should be allowed is expected, though this would also increase brokers' risks. The committee is likely to recommend that some limited selling short be allowed.

One particular area under scrutiny is the futures exchange. It had to be bailed out in the wake of last year's stock market crash, after many brokers and clients found they were unable to pay bills. The committee is likely to press for more government control of the exchange.

After the rescue, masterminded by Hambros, the merchant bank, with contributions from the Hong Kong government, big local banks, and broking firms, the government tightened controls on the exchange.

The Hay Davison report will also propose that the Securities Commission Office and its executive arm the Securities Commission be restructured into an independent body.

It would be called the Securities Industry Commission, and be headed by a senior commissioner who would have four commissioners working under him.

The committee will suggest that the independently-run commission be funded by stock exchange members.

The authorities have already done much to restore confidence in Hong Kong, but nothing less than a thorough overhaul will ensure that the colony regains its place as a trusted international financial centre.

P&S has faith in store chain

By Joe Joseph

Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers is looking to increase its reliance on its growing chain of convenience stores, after losing the contract to print southern editions of *The Guardian* and *The Observer* at its Portsmouth plant.

They are now being produced from *The Guardian*'s new printing site in London's Docklands.

Buoyant advertising revenues from its own titles – the *News* in Portsmouth, the *Echo* in Sunderland, the *Mail* in Hartlepool, four paid-for weeklies and a further 10 free ones – firm newspaper sales and a growing contribution from the group's One Stop convenience stores helped lift pretax profits from £2.3 million to £4.4 million in the 53 weeks to April 2.

Turnover grew by £13.4 million to £63.3 million. There is a final dividend of 4.07p, making 5.28p in all, a 20 per cent rise.

Mr Charles Brims, the chief executive, said: "Advertising revenue is up 21 per cent for the year against an industry average of about 16 per cent. At the half year we were nervous about the effects of the stock market crash on advertising revenues, but we haven't suffered from that."

Revenues from contract printing grew 46 per cent, swelled by the printing of *The Observer* in Sunderland and Portsmouth and *The Independent* and *The Guardian* in Portsmouth.

But the group, which has so far failed to find a client for the spare printing capacity it has in Sunderland, is now also looking for someone to take up the slack in Portsmouth.

"We stopped printing *The Guardian* and *The Observer* in May," said Mr Brims. "We now have spare capacity in Portsmouth, although we are still printing 130,000 copies a night of *The Independent*. But we are in discussions about finding replacements for *The Guardian* and *The Observer*.

"These things come and go. Eighteen months ago we didn't have any printing contracts. It would be wrong to say that I'm absolutely confident we'll get something. But equally it would be wrong to say we don't have a good chance. We do."

Portsmouth and Sunderland is looking to increase its earnings from its successful retailing division.

But the company has not deserted the newspaper business. "We are looking at the possibility of acquiring other newspaper companies. But we are being very disciplined about what we are willing to pay."

COMMENT David Brewerton

Hunt ending as Beazer closes in on its quarry

A dollar a share difference does not make a whole change to the sums which Brian Beazer scribbled on the back of an air mail envelope when he was contemplating Beazer's bid for Koppers. On a bid worth $1.8 billion, each buck added to the tender offer puts about $26 million to the total bill, which will be picked up on the American Express account and may even do Koppers nicely.

Beazer never expected to pick off America's major aggregates group without a fight, any more than Suchard or Nestlé expected to buy one third of the British confectionery industry without anyone noticing. Koppers took the fight to the courts, however, rather than to Wall Street and last night Wall Street gave its verdict: Koppers will go to Beazer and the price is fair at $60 or more.

The sighting of the end of the battle is beginning to work wonders for Beazer's own shares. Beazer has issued more paper than its share price could accommodate comfortably, and it was feared that if Koppers escaped, an alternative quarry might be found for which a new raft of equity would have to be issued. That fear is receding fast. Koppers offers a rich seam of activity for Beazer to work upon, and its acquisition threatens no earnings dilution, even in the current year, such is the neatness of the financing package.

If there is no new equity to come, then Beazer's price, even after yesterday's increase to 175p, is looking decidedly behind the times. There will be no impact from Koppers (since financing costs will eat profits) on the pretax line, but previous acquisitions and organic growth should spin pretax profits into the £105 million area, compared with £72.3 million last time.

Because of the increased weighting of shares, earnings-per-share growth will be less dramatic but still strongly positive, putting the shares on a prospective price/earnings ratio of under eight.

The fun in Koppers begins, however, in the coming year. Beazer will hope to sell for $500 million or so the chemicals division and then start work on margins in the construction division where Koppers earns only about half the return of some of its competitors. If history is any guide, Mr Beazer will be able, in short order, to turn the business round and positive earnings contributions should flow, strongly, in 1988/89 and beyond.

At the same time, the apparent break in the ranks at Koppers – where some executives obviously felt that shareholders' wishes, so clearly expressed in a level of acceptances running at 80 per cent of the common stock, should be heeded – provides Mr Beazer with a perfect opportunity to swing the management changes that Koppers appears to need.

Bursting the sterling bubble

It is so long since we have seen sterling in the sort of headlong tumble it encountered yesterday, it almost produced a whiff of nostalgia in the markets. The pound's fall has raised two questions: Is this the bursting of the sterling bubble that so many have been expecting? And if so, will the Chancellor be as quick to raise interest rates on the way down, as he was to cut them when the pound was on the way up?

As with all very sharp short-term currency movements, a rational explanation of sterling's sudden fall from grace yesterday was far from easy to come by. The failure of the pound to breach DM3.20 on Monday may have persuaded dealers that its upside was limited and the best action was elsewhere.

The long weekend gave the markets a chance to digest the implications of last Friday's trade figures and Britain's £2.4 billion current account deficit in the first four months of the year. The Confederation of British Industry's export gloom, reported yesterday, added to this concern on the balance of payments.

But it is unlikely that, on its own, this worry would have been enough to push sterling down by five pfennigs from its Monday highs, and create the expectation in the money markets that an early rise in base rates is on the cards.

Sterling, unusually, has been a beneficiary of both dollar weakness and dollar strength in recent months. But yesterday it could not compete with the combination of a stable dollar and a sharply recovering mark. Yesterday's Bundesbank council meeting left credit policies unchanged, but the expectation in the foreign exchange markets – notwithstanding Wall Street's jump for joy on Tuesday – is that both West German and US rates are headed higher.

So too, clearly, may be interest rates in Britain. Treasury officials have been at pains to disclaim parentage of the rule, which has gained some credence in the markets, that every 4 or 5 per cent on the exchange rate can be compensated for by 1 per cent off base rates. Even so, the markets – and in particular the gilt market – are looking for some symmetry in the Chancellor's response to a lower pound.

It may not go anywhere near as far as Tim Congdon and Peter Warburton of Shearson Lehman Hutton are suggesting, in their *Quarterly UK Economic Forecast* out today. They are looking for 12 per cent base rates by September, as much in response to the credit boom as to sterling.

That would go considerably further than the 1977-78 experience, regarded by many as the best parallel for the recent sterling experience. In 1977, in response to the pound's strength, base rates were run down from 14 per cent in January to 6 per cent in October but took until November 1978 to regain most of their fall, rising to 12.5 per cent. But by then, of course, a lot more inflation had been allowed into the system.

Soaring rents lift MEPC to £48.7m

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

MEPC, Britain's second biggest property company, is benefiting from rising rents in a buoyant property market. It raised its pretax profits by half, to £48.7 million, in the six months to end-March, which included the recent purchase of Oldham Estates.

Net income from properties jumped from £49 million to £71 million, before interest costs £11 million higher, at £32.6 million.

Mr Robin Adam, who retires as chairman in July, said that the profits rise also reflected rent reviews and lease renewals, as well as income from recently completed developments.

Much of the vacant space in the Oldham portfolio of buildings has now been let, and will produce a further increase in rental income.

Earnings per share are up by 12 per cent, to 10.2p, at the half way stage, and the interim dividend has been increased from 3.25p to 3.5p per share.

Mr Adam said that the changes in the Budget removing tax liability on pre-1982 capital gains will considerably reduce the group's liability. They will also make it easier to trade in properties which have been held for a long time, and make it easier for MEPC to rationalize its portfolio.

Meanwhile, MEPC has committed substantial spending to refurbishing properties in order to upgrade its portfolio.

The group will start new developments costing a total of £150 million in this financial year, primarily in Britain. Four have been started so far and a further six should be begun by the end of September. Mr Adam said prospects are encouraging.

Sir Christopher Benson, now vice-chairman and managing director, will succeed Mr Adam, and Mr James Tuckey will become managing director in July.



Expansive: Neil Balfour, chairman of York Trust, yesterday

York Trust soars 114%

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

York Trust Group, the financial services and investment banking company, increased pretax profits by 114 per cent, from £2.5 million to £5.5 million, in the year to March 31. The company is paying a 2p dividend for the year.

Investment banking turned in a strong performance, with profits up from £1.9 million to £3.5 million as fee income grew rapidly. Profits from financial broking operations and asset finance also made strong contributions, following the acquisition of two companies to strengthen these activities within the group.

Financial services operations, however, were hit by reorganization costs and the stock market crash. The division registered a loss of £30,000, after a profit of £334,000 in 1986.

Mr Neil Balfour, the chairman, said: "We remain committed to expanding the range of our financial services activities, both organically and by acquisition."

LIT to pay £60m for trust

By Lawrence Lever

LIT Holdings, the futures and options brokerage group, has agreed to pay an estimated £60 million for the Jersey General Investment Trust.

The cash offer comes with the recommendation of the Jersey board and is likely to be 520p per ordinary share, representing a 21 per cent premium on Jersey's share price before it announced last week that it had received a potential takeover approach.

Jersey is going the way of several investment trusts trading at a substantial discount to their net assets.

LIT, which will meet the purchase cost from its own resources, intends to liquidate the trust's equity based portfolio, switching it into short and medium term financial instruments, including government bonds and gilt-edged stocks.

The new investment policy of the trust, which will continue under local management in Jersey, will be to pursue acquisitions in the financial services industry.

The LIT offer is based on 100 per cent of formula asset value, which is estimated to be around 520p per ordinary share.

The acquisition of Jersey represents a further stage in the restructuring of LIT, which was formerly known as London Investment Trust, by Mr Michael Middlemas, the chief executive, and Mr John Botts, the chairman.

Perth SE queries Bell meetings

From Richard Battley
Sydney

The Perth Stock Exchange wants to know which annual meeting of Bell Resources was valid – Monday's or Tuesday's. Individual investors and institutions also want the issue clarified.

Representatives of Sir Ron Brierley and Mr Kerry Packer are claiming they held the true meeting on Monday.

But Mr Robert Holmes à Court insists that the real meeting was held on Tuesday.

Yesterday he said his legal advisers had said again that the Brierley-Packer meeting was illegal. But Bell did not answer the exchange's query by the end of trading.

The situation demands resolution, for, according to whichever meeting is valid, there is a different board.

On Monday, the team from Turnbridge – the bid-vehicle for the Aus$ 1.03 billion (£449 million) offer by Sir Ron and Mr Packer for Bell – re-elected Mr Holmes à Court and Mr John Dahlsem, a takeover lawyer.

They resolved not to fill the vacancies left by Mr Frank Downing and Mr John Murdoch, reducing the number of directors to four.

Meanwhile, the National Companies and Securities Commission, Australia's corporate watchdog, yesterday said it would not disclose today the results of its inquiry into the sale of 40 per cent of Bell Group, Mr Holmes à Court's flagship, to the Bond Corporation and the State Government Insurance Commission.

An NCSC spokesman said: "All the Commission requires now is more time to distil the evidence."

Kleinwort reins in the perks

As part of a drastic cost-cutting programme, Kleinwort Benson, one of the City's most influential merchant banks and securities houses, is, I hear, banning staff parties, Christmas hams, turkeys and hampers – except for its pensioners – free newspapers and free "private mileage" petrol. Even more controversially, it is also scrapping subsidized mortgages for all members of staff who earn more than £50,000 a year. Mortgage subsidies, a lucrative perk traditionally offered to the employees of all banks, are also being reduced for its less well-paid staff, with 3 per cent mortgage loans being phased out completely during the next 18 months, raising the interest payable on all mortgages – up to a statutory ceiling of £50,000 – to 5 per cent. The effect of the clampdown on free petrol will be more widespread. All company Barclaycards issued for this purpose are to be withdrawn before the end of the year and the bank warns that "new methods of controlling the costs of company cars" are being studied. Free and cheap share dealing and tax advice is also being done away with, with staff being charged at "commercial rates." The bank's 3,000 staff learned of these economies on Tuesday, in a letter from their chairman, David Peake. Confirming that the group has been offering higher salaries than most of its rivals to new recruits, Peake tells me: "The business is doing well, but we have been looking for sensible ways to keep the lid on expenses. These changes reflect alterations in the tax structure designed to encourage us to pay more in direct salaries and less by way of other benefits."



"We've been holding on, hoping turnover would increase, but have reluctantly decided to let you go"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Winners anonymous

The winners of this year's Stock Exchange Derby Day Draw are being particularly coy. Giving the reason that they are all living in dread of begging letters, not one of them is prepared to be named. For, with 28,500 tickets sold for this year's draw, a total of £56,000 is being shared out – considerably more than last year, despite the dearth of bodies on the Stock Exchange floor. The first prize of £21,000 goes to someone attached to Fiske & Co, while the second prize winner (£9,000) is not even allowing the identity of his firm to be revealed. The third prize (£5,000) goes to a broker from Seligman-Harris. Almost all the money will be handed out in prizes, with only a small proportion reserved for charity.

Fax info

The 133-year-old Salvage Association, watchdog for the London insurance market on casualties to ships and cargoes round the world, handles more than 10,000 files a year and, consequently, knows a thing or two about the storage of information. Urged on by its motto *Quaerite Vera* – Seek the Truth – it has unearthed a peculiarly modern problem with such storage, involving the increasingly common facsimile machine. It has just sent out a memo to London's insurance and legal communities warning that fax messages fade with the years. While predicting that, in time, the problem is bound to be solved, it nevertheless gives a warning that: "Varying with the quality of the paper, original message and storage, the worst examples we have seen are unreadable after three years."

Ledermen leaving

The City is to lose one of its best-known double acts – Geoffrey and Gerald Lederman, the joint chief executive and executive director respectively of Smith New Court. The brothers, who have been with the firm for more than 35 years, having joined Smith Brothers as floor traders in the early 1950s plan to retire in April 1989. In the interim Geoffrey, who, at 58, is two years older than Gerald, will relinquish his current post, leaving Michael Marks as the sole chief executive. "It had been expected," says one long-standing colleague, Derek Riches. "They are both getting on – in the City 58 is a fair innings." Geoffrey had led the firm's British equity trading operation since its merger with the broker Scott Goff Layton in 1984. Also about to depart, "to pursue business activities elsewhere", is David Grenier, ex-senior partner of Scott Goff and head of Smith New Court Investment Services until its private client business was sold to NIG. But moving in the opposite direction are two ex-Scrimgeour employees, electrical team leader Mike Sperring and administrator John Perry, who have both been given seats on the board.

● A customer overheard complaining about some produce bought in the York branch of Sainsbury's the other day gave his name and address to one of the supervisors. He lived in a nearby street, called Bad Bargain Lane.

Carol Leonard

US wavers in supporting coffee pact

America, the world's leading coffee consumer, has yet to decide whether to support a new international pact to stabilize the commodity, Mr Martin Bailey, economic adviser at the US State Department, said yesterday.

Member states of the International Coffee Organization differ widely on future arrangements, with some wanting to extend the present agreement while others want it scrapped or heavily amended.

Mr Bailey made clear that the US coffee trade is opposed to a new agreement.

Bid for Sound

Telephone Rentals is paying Ir£2.6 million (£2.2 million) for Sound Systems in an agreed bid. Terms of the deal, accepted by holders of 71.5 per cent of Sound Systems shares, are seven TR shares for every five Sound Systems, valuing each share at Ir362p.

Magazine buy

United Newspapers is paying up to $20 million (£11 million) cash for Diversified Communications of Seattle, whose main business is free fortnightly magazines covering the apartment rental market.

Seafield tie-up

Seafield, the troubled Irish textile business, is paying £4.19 million for the JT Hunt haulage and warehouse group in Worksop Nottinghamshire.

Associated British Foods

From the Chairman's Statement:

The 11.5 per cent increase in the profits achieved during the year by our operating divisions must be considered satisfactory given the adverse effect on our manufacturing division of volatile commodity prices and the strength of sterling at the year end on our overseas earnings.

A heavy capital investment programme has been maintained to preserve and improve our position in the very competitive markets in which we operate. This programme, and the consequent increase in reorganisation and other costs, affected margins in certain of our operating divisions during the year but has resulted in improved product efficiency and a better ability to serve customers at home and abroad.

Investment income earned by the group was marginally below budget reflecting lower average interest rates during the year and the company's substantial equity investments. However, a year which saw equity markets around the world decline by up to 40 per cent in a matter of days puts this result in its correct perspective.

G. H. Weston

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	1988 £ millions	1987 £ millions
Turnover	2,272.0	2,202.0
Trading surplus	133.9	120.1
Investment income	82.2	70.5
Profit before tax	210.4	190.5
Profit attributable to the company	136.5	124.2
Ordinary Shareholders' funds	1,530.6	1,477.1
Earnings per share	30.5p	30.3p
Dividend per share	8.3p	7.3p

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STOCK MARKET

HP sale talk adds sauce to Hanson

Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, will today announce the £200 million sale of HP Sauce, the world's leading brand of brown sauce now being advertised on television by Frank Bruno, the boxer.

That was the story circulating in the market late last night after shares of Hanson closed 2p better at 130p on a turnover of nearly 8 million shares.

Nearly three months ago Hanson sold the well-known Ross Young frozen foods company to United Biscuits for £335 million and talk has been strong ever since that it was looking to dispose of its HP and Lea & Perrins sauce interests which formed part of the foods division of the Imperial Group which Hanson acquired for £2.5 billion.

After lengthy negotiations with several overseas and British buyers, Lord Hanson, the chairman, is now said to have agreed on a £200 million price. The "deal" comes at a sensitive time when foreign ownership of British brands has been debated in the City and Whitehall following the two-pronged Swiss attack on Rowntree.

Mr Simon Hayes, analyst at James Capel, the broker, said: "If Hanson has sold its sauce interests for £200 million, it is a very good disposal price and removes an area of weakness within the group. The deal also swells Hanson's coffers to £640 million and leaves it in an extremely good position to make a cash acquisition, either at home or abroad."

Hanson recently revealed interim pretax profits up from £312 million to £356 million and Mr Hayes is going for a full-year outcome of £860 million against £741 million.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market took its cue from the overnight events on Wall Street. Despite the counter-attraction of the Epsom Derby which curtailed attendance in many dealing rooms, market-makers marked shares higher and watched them progress further as genuine buyers appeared.

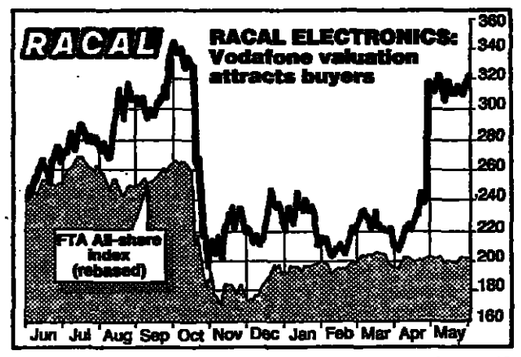
International stocks led the way as the pound lost further ground on foreign exchange markets. Glaxo jumped 20p to 920p and ICI moved up 19p to 975p.

Wall Street's further improvement in the early dealings yesterday helped prices to maintain their higher levels and by the close the FT-SE 100 share index had firmly re-established itself above the 1,800 level with a gain of 21.3 points to 1,805.7. The narrower FT 30 share index ended 12.1 points up at 1,439.6.

Keep an eye on shares of Edenderry, the Irish shell company headed by Mr Michael Ward, where market talk of an imminent property deal could bring in a significant new shareholder. The shares closed 1p higher at 56p and should have a lot further to go.

Gilt-edged stocks lost £½ as a hardening of money rates revived fears that further weakness in the pound could signal a rise in interest rates.

Racal Electronics, the high-technology group built up by Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman, returned to prominence with the shares touching 325p before closing 10p higher at 322p following a turnover of nearly 10 million shares.



Its sudden return to popularity follows news that Warburg Securities, the broking house, is valuing Racal's Vodafone telecommunications business, which is to be floated late this year, at £2.5 billion, or 394p per share.

Vodafone forms the main part of the group's telecommunications business and has 90 per cent of the market. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, has already marked the flotation price at some £2 billion — way above the £1.2 billion to £1.5 billion price analysts initially put on the business when Racal first announced its decision to offer for sale the jewel in its crown.

The exact timing of the flotation is not yet known and it may not come off before the company's annual meeting in mid-August.

Fans of the shares were delighted to see another broking house putting a £2 billion-plus price tag on the Vodafone business and chased Racal shares higher in the confidence that others will follow suit.

The rise in the shares was also accompanied by revived takeover talk that either Cable and Wireless or Siemens, the West German industrial group, will make a 450p-a-share move for Racal before the flotation has a chance to get off the ground. Many operators felt that Racal decided to float Vodafone only because it was fearful for its independence.

Portals, the banknote paper maker and water treatment group, in which Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, holds a 3.4 per cent stake, soared 33p to 268p.

Investors warmed to bullish comment in *The Times* yesterday regarding the group's prospects after Mr Michael Morley's appointment as the new chief executive and the £13.5 million acquisition of Paragon, the electrical engineering group.

Beazer, the ambitious British housebuilding and construction group, advanced 7p to 175p as more than 2 million shares changed hands.

Investors took the view that Beazer must now be very close to winning the battle for Koppers, the US chemicals and aggregates concern, after its acrimonious battle which has raged since Beazer first made its $1.8 billion (£960 million) offer three months ago.

This should give a much-needed short-term fillip to the Beazer share price, which stood at 207p before the Koppers bid. Dealers now believe that once an agreement with Koppers is reached, they should have no trouble returning to that level.

Analysts are already reported to be busy upgrading their profit forecasts for Beazer in anticipation of its victory.

Ward White rose 10p to 299p after its agreed increased offer for AG Stanley. Mr Rowan Morgan, analyst at Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore, the broker, says the shares justify a price of at least 350p, a multiple of 11.3, and a slight discount to the stores sector.

Speculators chased the shares of Walter Runciman, the shipping-to-security group, a further 18p higher to 316p as they sensed a bid for the company emerging in the not-too-distant future.

This follows the announcement that Telfos group, formerly Charles Clifford, being built up and diversified by Mr Joe Malins and Mr John Beaumont, has increased its stake in the company to 24.58 per cent.

Shares of Ruberoid, the building products group, continue to go from strength to strength, rising a further 8p to 218p. They have now risen from the 145p level since the acquisitive Raine Industries, headed by Mr Nigel Rudd of Williams Holdings, picked up a 5.3 per cent stake.

Investors are obviously banking on a Raine bid for Ruberoid, but can expect a battle because Mr Tom Kenny, the chairman of Ruberoid, has already gone on record as saying there was no commercial logic in a merger and he would strongly resist a takeover.

Some speculators decided to realize significant profits in shares of Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, which have been persistently strong throughout the account on US bid hopes. Nevertheless, the price relinquished only 6p to 412p on a much reduced turnover of 3 million shares.

Dealers expect renewed "new-time" buying of the stock for the account starting next Monday early today on hopes that General Cinema, the US group, which already owns an 18.4 per cent stake in the company and has said that it has $1 billion (£538 million) set aside for acquisitions, will soon launch a full-scale offer.

Other observers suggested that Cadbury has been busy lining up a white knight in the shape of Coca Cola, which already has a bottling agreement with it in the US.

Geoffrey Foster

WALL STREET

Dow continues its rally in early deals

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares carried over Tuesday's surprise rally to stand broadly higher in early trading yesterday.

Blue chips pulled back from their earlier peaks, but traders said buying interest remained strong, with gains seen over a wide range of industrial stocks.

The Commodity Research Bureau index, an inflation measure, rose again yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12.09 to 2,043.21 at one stage when the transport indicator gained 10.01 to 836.32.

Advancing issues led declining shares by eight to three.

Trading was active. Volume totalled 247.6 million shares.

"We are unquestionably seeing foreign participation," noted Mr Thomas Ryan, head of trading at Kidder Peabody. "I think the constructive part about the market today is that volume is much better."

Koppers rose 1⅛ to 60⅛ in very early deals. A company spokesman would not comment on published reports that the company had agreed to be acquired by BNS, the bid vehicle of CH Beazer and Shearson Lehman Hutton, at $61 per share.

Walt Disney shares rose after Merrill Lynch raised its rating, on the grounds that recent sluggish theme park attendance has already been reflected in the stock price, traders said.

The entertainment company's stock rose 1 point to 59.

Traders said investors believe the shares are selling at a relatively low price.

● **Tokyo** — Share prices closed sharply higher in the heaviest trade this year, due to enthusiastic buying spurred by Wall Street's jump overnight.

"It was only a one-day rise and inflation fears will continue in the US," said a fund manager at the Bank of Tokyo. "But the fact that Wall Street was able to pass 2,000 points is significant."

The Nikkei index surged 287.21 points, or 1.05 per cent, to 27,703.91. It had climbed 193.60 on Tuesday.

● **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed higher but off the morning peak, with investors still nervous over Wall Street's volatility, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index closed up 19.56 at 2,516.24, after a 44-point gain earlier.

	May 31	May 27		May 31	May 27		May 31	May 27
AMR Cp	42	40⅝	Fedders	8⅝	8¾	Pennzoil	72¾	71⅞
ASA	44½	43⅞	Fst Chicago	27¾	27	Pepsico	36¼	34½
Aetna Life	44	42¼	Fst Int Bncp	45	42¼	Pfizer	52⅜	50½
Allied Signal	33⅜	31⅞	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Phelps Dod	40	38⅝
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1⅛	FT Wachvia	36⅜	36⅜	Philip Mor	83⅞	80¾
Alcoa	46	44⅜	Ford Motor	48	45⅞	Philip Pet	17⅝	16⅞
Amax Inc	20⅝	20	GAF Cp	48¼	48¼	Pillsbury	37⅞	36
AMR Hess	28	27⅜	GTE Cp	36⅜	35¼	Polaroid	34⅜	33¼
Am Brands	46	44⅜	Gen Cp	18⅜	17⅜	Primerica	24¾	23⅜
Am Cynmd	48⅛	48⅜	Gn Dynam	54⅛	53	Proct Gble	75¾	73
Am Elc Pwr	28⅜	27⅞	Gen Electric	42¼	40	Pub SE Gr	23⅞	22⅞
Amaxs	25⅝	24¼	Gen Inst	35⅝	35⅛	R Nabisco	48⅝	46⅞
Am Family	14	13⅜	Gen Mills	47⅜	45⅝	Raytheon	62⅜	61½
Am Home	72⅜	71¼	Gen Motors	75¾	72⅝	Rynlds Metl	44	41⅜
Am Int Grp	56⅝	54	Gen Pub Ut	34⅜	33¾	Rockwell Int	19⅝	18⅝
Am Stand	77⅞	77¾	Genesco	4⅛	4	Royal Dutch	115⅛	113
Am Telph	27⅛	26	Georgia Pac	38⅜	37¼	SFE Sopac	17¾	17
Amoco Cp	74⅜	74¼	Gillette	37¾	37½	Sara Lee	38⅛	36⅝
Anheuser B	30⅜	29⅝	Goodrich	50⅜	49⅜	Schlumb	37⅜	36⅝
Armco Steel	9⅞	9⅝	Goodyear	62¾	61⅛	Scott Paper	37⅜	36½
Asarco Inc	24¼	23⅞	Gould Inc	14	14⅛	Seagram	52⅜	50½
Ashland Oil	68⅜	67	Grace Co	25	23¾	Sears Roeb	34⅛	33⅛
Atl Richfld	83⅜	81⅛	Grt Atl Pac	34⅞	34	Shell Trans	76⅛	75⅝
Avon Prod	24¼	24¼	Greyhnd	28	27⅝	Singer	n.a	n.a
Bk Boston	26⅞	25¼	Grumam	19⅝	19⅝	Smith Beck	52⅜	50⅜
Bank NY	31⅛	31⅛	Gulf Westn	41⅞	39⅝	Sony Cp	41¼	40⅜
Bankamer	10⅝	10⅜	Heinz	41	39¾	Sth Cal Edi	33⅜	32¼
Bkrs Tst NY	33⅜	32⅜	Hercules	46½	46¼	SW Bell	38	36⅞
Baxter	20⅞	20⅝	Hewlett Pk	56¾	54	Squibb	62⅝	60⅞
Beth Steel	19	19⅛	Honeywell	69¼	68½	Stevens JP	68⅛	67⅜
Boeing	55	53⅜	IC Ind	33	31¾	Sun Comp	58¼	56¾
Boise Casc	43¼	41⅞	ITT Cp	48	46¾	TRW Inc	46	45
Borden	52	49⅞	INCO	28¼	27⅜	Teledyne	335⅝	329⅜
Bristl Meyr	42	40⅜	Ing Rand Wi	40¼	39¼	Tenneco	44⅜	45
BP	58⅜	56¾	Inland Steel	30⅝	30⅛	Texaco	50⅛	49⅜
Brunswick	22⅛	21⅝	IBM	113	108¼	Tex Eastn	26⅝	26⅛
Burl Nth	8	8	Int Paper	42⅝	40¼	Texas Inst	44⅞	42⅜
CBS	154⅜	151½	Irving Bk	62⅝	62¾	Tex Util	25⅛	25¼
CMS Engy	18⅜	18⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	76	74⅝	Textron	23¼	23
CPC Int	47⅞	46⅝	K Mart	33½	32¾	Travelers	35½	34¾
CSX Cp	26⅝	25⅞	Kaisertech	17⅞	17⅝	USG	45¼	45⅜
Camp Soup	26½	25⅞	Kerr McGee	36¾	35½	USX Cp	31½	30⅝
Can Pacific	18⅛	17⅞	Kimbrly Clrk	52⅝	52¼	Unilever Plc	32¾	32
Caterpillar	62	60¼	Kraft	53¾	52⅜	Un Carbide	19⅝	19
Centrl SW	32⅜	31¾	Kroger	33⅞	33¼	Un Pac Cp	63¾	60¾
Champion	33¾	32½	LTV Cp	3⅞	3⅝	Unisys Cp	33¾	32¾
Chase Man	27	25⅞	Litton	84	82½	Utd Brands	51¼	52¾
Chem Bank	29	28	Lockheed	42	41⅜	Utd Tech	37⅜	36
Chevron	49¾	48	Lucky Str	64¾	64¼	Unocal	35¾	35⅛
Chrysler	21⅜	20⅝	Man H'mer	29¼	28¾	Can Pacific	22⅝	21⅞
Citicorp	23⅜	22⅞	Manville	2¾	2	Corninco	19⅝	18⅞
Clark Eq	32⅝	32⅜	Mapco	54⅞	55⅜	Con Bathrst	14⅜	14½
Coca Cola	38	35⅞	Marriott	28⅝	27⅝	Hawk S Can	23½	23
Colgate	43¾	42	Mt Marrietta	41	40	Hud Bay M	18⅜	18⅜
Columb Gas	30⅝	29¼	Masco	27¾	26¾	Imasco	28¼	25¾
Cmb'tn Eng	32⅛	30⅝	Mcdonalds	44	42¾	Imperial Oil	56⅝	55¼
Cmwlth Edi	24¾	23¾	McDonnell	59½	59½	Inco	36	33¾
Cons Edis	43⅛	42¾	Mead Cp	34¾	32½	Royl Trstco	18⅝	16¾
Consol Ng	34⅜	33⅜	Merck	53⅜	50⅞	Seagram	64⅛	63
Cont Data	25⅞	24¾	Minsta Mng	62	59⅝	Shelco 'A'	22⅝	39¾
Corning Gl	51¼	50½	Mobil	44¾	43¾	Thmsn N 'A'	26¾	25¼
Crane	29¾	29¼	Monsanto	77⅝	75¼	Vanity Cp	4.00	3.80
Curtiss W	47	47	Montedison	n.a	11¼	WCT	17¾	17⅛
Data Genl	21¾	20⅜	Morgan Jp	36	35½	Weston	33¾	33½
Deere Co	48¾	47¾	Motorola	47¾	45⅜			
Delta Air	47⅜	46¼	NCR	62	59⅛			
Detroit Edi	13¾	13½	NL Indstrs	7	6¾			
Digital Eq	104¼	100¾	Nat Md Ent	23⅞	23¾			
Disney	58	56⅝	Nat Semi	13¾	12¾			
Dow Chem	82⅞	79⅝	Norfolk Sth	26¾	25¾			
Dresser Ind	34⅜	33⅜	NW Bancrp	42¼	41½			
Dupont	63⅛	60½	Ocdl Pet	26⅝	26			
Duke Pwr	45⅛	44	Ogden Cp	27¾	27			
East Kodak	41⅝	40¾	Olin Cp	48⅝	47¼			
Eaton Cp	77¼	76½	PPG Ind	40¾	40½			
Emerson El	29⅜	28⅝	Pac Enterp	46¾	46			
Emery Air	5⅛	4⅞	Pac Gas El	15⅞	15¾			
Exxon	44¾	43⅝	Pan Am	2¼	2⅛			
Farah Inc	8⅛	9	Pennzoil	48⅝	44¾			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	17¼	16¾
Alcan Alum	35¼	33¾
Algoma Stl	20.00	19.75
Cominco	19⅝	18⅞
Con Bathrst	14¾	14½
Hawk S Can	23½	23
Hud Bay M	18⅜	18⅜
Imasco	28¼	25¾
Imperial Oil	56⅛	55¼
Inco	36	33¾
Royl Trstco	18⅝	16¾
Seagram	64⅛	63
Shelco 'A'	22⅝	39¾
Thmsn N 'A'	26¾	25¼
Vanity Cp	4.00	3.80
WCT	17¾	17⅛
Weston	33¾	33½

Parkfield drives into Spain

Parkfield Group, the diversified engineering and distribution company, has made its second acquisition in two days with the £4.4 million purchase of Material Auxiliar De Petroleos of Spain.

The Spanish company makes aluminium wheels for European car makers.

Bank choice

Sir David Nickson, the outgoing chairman of the CBI, has been appointed a non-executive director of Hambros plc, the merchant banking group.

Paris listing

Mr Michael Ashcroft's ADT group has obtained a share listing in Paris.

ADR launch

Williams Holdings has established an American Depositary Receipt programme which is being sponsored by Citibank.

Leasing soars

Leasing of plant and equipment in the first three months of this year rose to almost £1.9 billion, a 27 per cent increase on the same period last time, according to the Equipment Leasing Association.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyns	390	58	72	80	2	8	11
(*438)	420	33	47	60	6	15	22
	460	12	27	38	28	35	40
Bass	800	30	57	65	22	37	40
(*804)	850	10	30	40	59	57	67
	900	4	12	20	100	102	107
Brit Air	140	9	16	19	5	9	12
(*148)	160	2½	6	9	20	22	25
	180	1	2½	5	40	42	43
Brit Com	280	8	20	23	17	23	25
(*248)	300	2	11	14	33	37	38
	330	1	5	10	53	55	55
Brit Gas	170	9	20	-	9½	-	-
(*169)	180	3	6	10	16½	15	21
	200	1	2½	5	35	37	37
BP	240	29	36	-	2½	6	-
(*284)	260	13	19½	23	7	13	17
	280	5	10	16	19	25	28
British	460	70	77	-	3	6	-
(*515)	500	25	50	-	8	15	-
Cons Gold	950	110	145	185	15	57	80
(*1020)	1000	73	116	135	35	85	110
	1050	47	-	-	65	-	-
Courtauld	300	43	53	-	7	12	-
(*343)	330	21	34	42	13	22	28
	360	7	20	28	37	39	45
	390	3	12	18	63	63	67
Cons Union	300	72	73	82	1	5	9
(*362)	330	43	48	60	3	12	15
	360	20	27	38	13	25	27
C & W	320	60	70	78	3	7	13
(*354)	330	33	47	55	8	16	18
	360	15	28	35	23	32	35
GEC	140	10	14	16	3½	7½	10
(*145)	160	2½	5	9	16	19	22
	180	1	2½	-	36	36	-
GKN	280	47	52	60	2	9	13
(*317)	300	30	38	47	6	16	18
	330	12	23	31	18	28	33
Grand Met	480	56	67	80	3½	9	12
(*509)	500	35	48	58	13	22	27
	550	7	17	28	45	50	53
ICI	900	95	108	128	5	22	30
(*974)	950	57	75	97	17	40	47
	1000	30	50	70	42	65	70
	1050	11	-	-	78	-	-
Jaguar	240	32	37	40	4	10	14
(*260)	260	15	24	32	11	18	22
	280	7	15	22	22	30	33
Land Sec	500	95	110	115	2	5	10
(*587)	550	50	70	80	5	14	23
	600	17	35	48	33	32	43
M & S	160	18	25	30	1	4	7
(*177)	180	6	13	17	9	11	16
	200	1½	6	10	27	28	30
R-Royce	110	14	18	21	2	4	7
(*121)	120	7	11	15	5	6	10
	130	3	7	10	11	14	17
STC	220	39	45	52	2	4	8
(*255)	240	23	30	38	5	10	15
	260	12	19	26	15	18	23
Sainsbury	220	19	25	29	2½	5	8
(*218)	220	6	13	18	11	14	17
	240	2	7	10	28	30	31
	260	1	3	5	48	48	48
Shell	1000	72	92	117	13	30	38
(*1050)	1050	39	-	-	38	-	-
	1100	19	38	57	60	77	87
Standrd	240	25	35	40	7	13	18
(*260)	260	12	23	30	18	23	28
	280	5	12	20	33	37	42
Tesdgar	300	14	27	30	12	18	25
(*295)	330	5	14	20	35	38	43
	360	3	5	10	63	65	67
TSB	90	10½	12½	14	2½	4	4½
(*97)	100	3	5	8	5	8	7½
	110	1	3½	5	15	16	17
Ultramr	260	30	39	50	7	13	17
(*282)	280	20	29	39	15	21	25
	300	11	21	30	28	33	36
Woolworth	250	36	45	50	3	6	8
(*291)	280	22	30	38	9	13	17
	300	7½	19	24	20	22	27

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo	850	75	110	120	3	19	30
(*918)	900	32	75	88	11	35	50
	950	8	50	63	40	60	75
	1000	2½	30	45	85	92	107
Hanson	120	10	14	17	1	3½	5
(*130)	130	2	8	11	4½	7½	9½
	140	½	4½	7	13	14	15½
	160	⅛	1⅛	2½	33	33	33⅓
Hawker	460	42	60	70	2	17	24
(*495)	500	12	38	47	15	30	37
	550	2	15	25	57	63	68
Lasmo	169	46	48	50	1	1½	3½
(*234)	200	34	38	41	3	4	8
	223	13	23	27	2	9	14
	240	4½	13	16	10	19	21
Midland	360	57	65	70	1	6	10
(*415)	390	30	40	50	2	15	20
	420	8	22	33	15	30	35
Sears	110	15	19	22	1	4	6
(*124)	120	6½	12½	16	2½	8	9
	130	1½	8	11	7½	13	16
Tesco	140	8	16	20	3	7	10
(*148)	160	1	8	10	17	19	22
	180	1	4	5	36	37	38
Thorn EMI	500	140	145	-	2	5	-
(*637)	550	90	100	112	2	10	17
	600	42	60	74	7	25	32
	650	10	27	42	25	47	55
TNF	220	19	25	30	1	6	8
(*236)	240	8½	13	18	9	14	17
	260	1	5	10	25	28	32
Unilever	420	30	46	56	2	12	16
(*445)	460	6½	28	35	19	31	37
	500	1⅛	12	19	57	59	62
Wellcome	460	37	106	118	1	9	16
(*543)	500	50	77	92	4	20	30
	550	15	47	64	22	40	50

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad	160	31	39	44	1⅛	5⅛	7
(*169)	180	11½	24	30	4	11	15
	200	3	14	19	14	21	24
Barclays	360	45	55	57	2	8	12
(*403)	395	12	25½	37	7	22	27
	428	1⅛	11	20	33	43	48
Boots	420	53	80	88	1½	8	13
(*472)	460	18	35	44	7	23	28
	500	3	17	27	32	47	52
	550	1	-	-	82	-	-
Boots	200	12	19	24	3	11	13
(*209)	220	2	10	15	14	22	26
	240	1	5	8	33	38	42
BTR	240	27	33	40	1	6	9
(*265)	260	10	22	27	4	14	17
	280	2½	11	17	16	25	28
Blue Circ	390	32	47	57	4	16	18
(*418)	420	10	27	40	13	25	32
	460	2	14	25	45	53	58
Dixons	160	23	28	33	1	6	9
(*182)	180	6	14	20	5	12	16
	200	1	7	11	20	26	28

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
BAA	265	24	35	-	-	7	10
(*285)	280	14	27	31	12	17	20
	300	7	17	23	24	27	30
Brit Aero	330	65	70	-	3	9	-
(*385)	360	40	50	60	6	18	25
	390	22	33	43	22	32	36
	420	10	19	30	42	50	57
BAT Ind	360	40	48	58	6	16	20
(*415)	420	20	33	42	21	30	33
	460	7	16	-	48	55	-
	500	2¾	7	-	88	90	-
Brit Tele	220	26	29	32	4	7	11
(*239)	240	11	18	23	16	15	18
	260	3½	8	13	28	28	31
Cadbury	330	97	110	118	5	13	17
(*414)	360	73	88	97	11	20	25
	390	50	68	77	22	33	39
	420	34	50	61	37	50	53
Cobracos	260	72	73	-	2	3	-
(*324)	280	52	55	63	3	7	8
	300	33	40	47	6	12	15
	330	10	22	26	17	25	30
Ladbroke	390	62	70	-	2¾	7	-
(*411)	390	35	45	57	8	15	17
	420	15	25	35	20	27	32
LASMO	330	85	105	-	-	3	7
(*410)	360	67	80	93	7	18	20
	390	45	60	70	18	30	33
	420	26	42	56	33	45	45
Pilkington	180	24	30	37	7	9	15
(*199)	200	10	18	25	15	18	25
	220	4½	11	14	32	33	38
	240	2	5	-	48	50	-
Plessey	140	18	24	28	3	7	9
(*157)	160	7	13	18	14	18	22
	180	3	7	11	29	31	34
P & O	500	95	100	112	5	10	17
(*580)	550	52	62	74	12	22	30
	600	20	37	50	35	47	57
Prudential	150	11	15	-	6	9	-
(*153)	160	7	10	14	12	16	19
	170	3½	6½	-	19	22	-
Racal	280	53	63	-	6	11	-
(*322)	300	39	50	61	11	18	22
	330	23	37	46	27	32	37
RTZ	330	95	102	110	2¾	6	8
(*416)	360	67	77	90	5	12	18
	420	22	38	50	22	34	40
Vaal Reefs	80	11	14	15	2¾	6	9
(*588)	90	4½	8½	11	8	12	15
	100	2¾	4½	-	17	19	-
Tr 12% 1985	108	3¾	3½	-	⅜	⅝	-
(*112)	110	1¾	1¾	-	⅝	1⅝	-
	112	⅝	22/32	4/16	1⅝	2¼	2⅝
	114	5/16	⅜	7/16	3⅝	3¾	4⅛
	116	⅛	3/16	2/32	5	5⅝	6
	118	2/32	-	-	6⅝	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1804)

Series	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1650	170	180	185	185	4	10	15	23
1700	122	133	140	145	7	18	25	34
1750	80	91	105	115	17	28	40	48
1800	42	57	72	80	33	48	60	67
1850	16	33	46	52	58	73	82	92
1900	7	15	27	32	98	106	113	122
1950	3	6	13	20	145	147	153	156

June 1, 1988 Total: 28391 Calls 19816 Puts 8575 FT-SE: Calls 1714 Puts 1798
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 23. Dealings end June 3. §Contango day June 6. Settlement day June 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Blockleys	Building,Roads	
2	Williams Hldgs (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
3	Beazer PLC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
4	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
5	TI	Industrials S-Z	
6	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers,Pub	
7	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
8	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
9	Highgate & Job	Industrials E-K	
10	Pearson (aa)	Industrials L-R	
11	Invergordon Distl	Breweries	
12	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
13	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
14	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
15	Harrison Ind	Building,Roads	
16	Grainger	Property	
17	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
18	Hoskyns Gp	Electricals	
19	Grand Met (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
20	Acre Oil	Oil,Gas	
21	Sater	Industrials S-Z	
22	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
23	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
24	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
25	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
26	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
27	Triton Europe	Oil,Gas	
28	UK Land	Property	
29	BBA	Industrials A-D	
30	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
32	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
33	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
34	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
35	Utd Biscuits (aa)	Foods	
36	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
37	Coats Viyella (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
38	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
39	Mersey Docks	Shipping	
40	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
41	Courtaulds (aa)	Textiles	
42	Renokil	Chemicals,Plas	
43	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
44	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
373	318	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	335	340	+3	17.9	5.2	6.5
10	8½	Scottish &	8½	9½	+½	2.5	27.8	11.0
555	410	Stand Chart (aa)	480	488	+10	48.6	9.9	6.0
116	96	TSB (aa)	98	98	+2½	5.3	5.4	6.0
583	501	Union	555	565	..	36.3	7.0	12.7
355	305	Wartsng SS	315	320	..	10.4	3.3	..
128	117	Do 9% 'A'	118	123	-1	8.2	6.8	..
31½	23	Wells Fargo	435	460	..	9.8	2.0	17.5
453	443	Westmst						

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	143	Abbey	268	272	+3	17.8	4.7	10.7
400	314	Amec	330	335	..	14	3.1	26.5
356	346	Anglo Scot	350	355	..	43	12.2	8.4
360	280	Anglo Utd	340	350	..	43	12.2	8.4
256	246	Armitage	247	250	..	15.6	6.2	22.0
249	242	Attwoods	247	249	..	15	6.0	14.7
86	50	Bailey (Geo) Constr	80	86	..	3.4	4.2	6.0
216	170	Barratt Devs	210	214	..	12.6	5.9	7.0
206	181	Bellway	200	205	..	11	5.4	6.0
113	95	Bellwinch	110	112	..	6.5	5.8	6.0
260	230	Berkeley Gp	250	255	..	11	4.3	6.0
135	117	Bett Bros	130	135	..	8.3	6.2	5.0
480	430	Blackleys	460	470	..	23	5.0	8.8
314½	280	Blue Circle (aa)	310	312	..	19.3	6.2	8.0
167	134	Bovis (Henry)	160	165	..	8.7	5.4	6.0
199	167	Braddon PLC	190	195	..	8.7	4.5	6.0
115	98	Br Dredging	110	115	..	6.4	5.8	6.0
168	138	Bryant	160	165	..	8.3	5.1	6.0
268	225	Bulkhead Robey	260	265	..	15.1	5.7	6.0
112	95	Cairdon	110	112	..	6.5	5.9	6.0
195	165	Charles Charles	190	195	..	10.2	5.3	6.0
268	230	Cooper Gro	260	265	..	15.4	5.8	6.0
112	95	Costain	110	112	..	6.5	5.9	6.0
268	230	Countryside	260	265	..	15.4	5.8	6.0
315	265	Cred Nicholson	310	315	..	18	5.7	6.0
230	195	Crosby James	220	225	..	12.9	5.7	6.0
291	229	Douglas (RM)	285	290	..	16.6	5.7	6.0
86	76	Eadh	80	85	..	4.1	4.8	6.0
195	175	Fairclough Hsg	190	195	..	11.3	5.8	6.0
168	138	Fitzler Gp	160	165	..	9.6	5.8	6.0
195	165	Guilford	190	195	..	11.3	5.8	6.0
230	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	220	225	..	12.9	5.7	6.0
295	265	Hanson (AJ)	290	295	..	17.2	5.8	6.0
328	288	Henderson	320	325	..	18.8	5.8	6.0
295	265	Howden-Stuart	290	295	..	17.2	5.8	6.0
299	299	Heywood Williams	290	295	..	17.2	5.8	6.0
32	32	Higgs & Hill	30	32	..	1.8	5.6	6.0
141	92	Hillard Hldgs	140	141	..	8.2	5.8	6.0
270	240	Hoveck Johnson	260	270	..	15.6	5.8	6.0
92	80	Jarvis (J) & Sons	90	92	..	5.4	5.9	6.0
111	90	Laing (J)	110	111	..	6.5	5.9	6.0
270	230	Do 'A'	260	270	..	15.6	5.8	6.0
111	90	Lawrence (Walter)	110	111	..	6.5	5.9	6.0
48	38	Lilley (FJC)	44	46	..	2.6	5.7	6.0
218	168	Lovell (Y.J)	210	214	..	12.6	5.9	6.0
496	436	Magnet (aa)	480	485	..	28.2	5.8	6.0
147½	120	Manders	140	145	+1	8.3	5.7	6.0
298	258	Marley	290	295	+1	17.2	5.8	6.0
433	368	Marshalls (Halifax)	420	425	+1	25	5.9	6.0
463	363	McAlpine (J)	450	455	+5	26.5	5.8	6.0
463	363	McAlpine (Alfred)	450	455	+5	26.5	5.8	6.0
341	341	McCarthy & S	330	335	..	19.9	5.9	6.0
341	341	Meyer Int	330	335	+7	19.9	2.1	20.5
463	463	Miller (Stanley)	450	455	..	26.5	5.8	6.0
367	367	Morrison (John)	360	365	..	21.3	5.8	6.0
16	7½	MSM	15	16	..	..	..	..
14½	10½	Newarthill	13½	14½	+½	1.2	8.3	11.2
187	172	Newman Tonks	180	185	..	11.3	6.1	7.9
181	116	Pennwarden	170	175	..	10.2	5.8	6.0
95	86	Phoenix Timber	90	95	..	5.4	5.7	6.0
745	715	Pochins	730	740	+5	43	5.8	6.0
497	452	RMC Gp (aa)	480	485	..	28.2	5.8	6.0
247	247	Rank Ind	240	245	..	14.4	5.9	6.0
118	110	Redland (aa)	112	114	..	6.5	5.7	6.0
165	165	Rugby Group	160	165	..	9.6	5.8	6.0
271	224	Sabah Perkins	260	270	..	15.6	5.8	6.0
173	173	Sharpe & Fisher	170	173	..	10.2	5.9	6.0
360	360	Smart (J)	350	360	..	21	5.8	6.0
173	173	Staveley	170	173	..	10.2	5.9	6.0
289	254	Tarmac (aa)	280	285	..	16.8	5.9	6.0
187	187	Taylor Woodrow	180	185	..	10.8	5.8	6.0
265	265	Tilbury Group	260	265	..	15.4	5.8	6.0
274	274	Travis & Arnold	270	274	..	16.2	5.9	6.0
154	154	Trafalgar	150	154	..	9.1	5.9	6.0
340	340	Trafalgar	330	340	..	20	5.8	6.0
555	555	Wimpey	550	555	..	32.7	5.8	6.0
288	288	Wood Group	280	288	..	17	5.8	6.0
203	203	Wood Hldgs	200	203	..	12	5.8	6.0
150	150	Woodhead	140	150	..	8.9	5.8	6.0
143	143	Wilson Bowden	140	143	..	8.4	5.8	6.0
1554	1554	Wilson (Connolly)	1500	1554	..	92	5.8	6.0
143	143	Wimpey G (aa)	140	143	..	8.4	5.8	6.0
127	111	Yuasa	125	127	..	7.5	5.9	6.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	108	Allied Colloids	124	126	..	2.8	2.2	17.2
661½	441	Associated	645	650	+6	11.6	1.8	15.2
154	130	BTP	150	154	..	7.9	5.1	15.2
180	145	Bayer DM50	170	175	+2½	10.5	6.0	10.5
230	185	Blagden	220	225	+1	7.1	3.2	8.3
347	285	Brent Chems	335	340	+2	13.3	3.9	10.5
236	185	Charlwg (W)	230	235	+2	10.6	4.6	10.5
347	285	Cookson	335	340	+2	13.3	3.9	10.5
265	265	Croda Bros.	260	265	..	11.8	4.5	10.5
26	20	Cory (Horace)	24	26	..	4.2h	..	..
212	173	Croda	210	212	+2	4.1	4.3	12.8
178	148	Ellis & Everard	170	178	+2	6.1	3.5	10.3
178	148	Evode	170	178	+2	6.1	3.5	10.3
257	205	Fisons-Himsep	250	255	+2	14.5	5.7	10.5
265	226	Halstead (James)	260	265	..	7.0	3.9	11.7
184	136	Hickson	180	184	+2	10.9	5.9	10.5
87½	79	Hoskins' DM50	87½	88½	+1	5.2	5.8	8.3
111	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	1090	1092	+19	58.2	5.3	8.3
424	360	Laporte (aa)	420	424	+6	25.2	5.9	8.3
225	159	Leigh	220	225	..	13.2	5.9	8.3
18½	12	Mitch Hydro	18	18½	..	2.7	17	10.2
207	207	Pilkington	200	207	+2	12.2	5.9	8.3
480	336	Rebbuck Hldgs	470	480	+5	24.5	5.1	16.7
174	151	Rosehill	170	174	..	10.2	5.9	8.3
325	270	Sequa	320	325	+2	4.1	1.3	13.7
213	213	Sutcliffe Speakman	210	213	..	12.5	5.9	8.3
125	105	Rotterdamsche Bnk	120	125	..	4.1	3.3	11.5
		Yorkshire Chem						
		Yule Catto						

CINEMAS, TV

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	150	Anglia TV 'A'	168	173	+1	8.8	4.7	23.8
588	447	Central TV	580	588	+3	30.1	5.6	7.1
180	138	Border	170	175	+10	9.4	5.4	7.1
180	132	HTV Group	170	175	..	9.4	5.4	7.1
351	261	LWT Hldgs	340	345	..	23.3	6.8	9.3
360	360	Scot TV	350	360	..	17.5	5.0	9.1
173	173	TVS	170	173	..	9.4	5.5	7.1
289	254	Thames TV	280	289	..	17.6	6.1	8.2
93	82	TV-Am	90	93	..	5.5	5.9	7.1
246	156	Tyne Tees TV	240	246	+1	10.7	4.4	8.5
		Ulster TV						
		Yorkshire TV						

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
386	337	Alexon	382	387	+2	8.9	2.3	17.0
95	67	Amber Day	76	78	..	4.1	4.7	16.1
119	95	Aquascutum 'A'	116	118	..	3.2	2.7	16.2
119	95	Ashley (Laura)	116	118	..	3.2	2.7	16.2
360	360	Austin Reed	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
95	76	Do 'A'	93	95	..	5.3	5.6	8.3
360	360	Beattie (James) 'A'	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
175	175	Bentalls	170	175	+2	10	5.7	8.3
360	360	Berkeley Lds	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Body Shop	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Brenners	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Brown & Jackson	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Brown (Alb)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Burton (aa)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Cantors 'A'	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Caplan plc	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
415	360	Chilcott	410	415	+5	24.5	5.9	8.3
215	215	Coats Viyella (aa)	210	215	..	12.8	5.9	8.3
155	155	Courts (Furn) 'A'	150	155	..	9.1	5.9	8.3
408	408	DAKS Simpson 'A'	400	408	..	24	5.9	8.3
360	360	Dewhirst (JJ)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
195	195	Dixons Grp (aa)	190	195	..	11.5	5.9	8.3
154	154	Dunhill	150	154	..	9.1	5.9	8.3
595	595	ERA Gp	580	595	..	35	5.9	8.3
268	268	Ellis & Goldstein	260	268	..	15.8	5.9	8.3
315	315	Elys (Wimbledon)	310	315	..	18.5	5.9	8.3
209	209	Empire Stores	200	209	..	12.3	5.9	8.3
351	351	Essex	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Fine Art Dev	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Formaster	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Gent SR	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Goldberg (A)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
208	167	GUS	165	170	+2	9.9	5.8	8.3
11½	9½	Do 'A' (aa)	10	10½	..	0.6	5.7	8.3
175	121	Hams Queensway	170	175	..	10.2	5.8	8.3
46	37	Helene Plc	44	46	..	2.7	5.9	8.3
278	187	Hogg Robinson plc	270	278	..	16.2	5.8	8.3
57	57	Holmes	55	57	..	3.3	5.8	8.3
360	360	House Of Lerose	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
95	95	Lasky Wise Gp	90	95	..	5.4	5.7	8.3
11½	10½	Liberty	11	11½	..	0.6	5.4	8.3
195	165	Marks Spencer (aa)	190	195	..	11.3	5.8	8.3
360	344	Marples (John)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
10½	8½	Moss Bros	9½	10½	..	0.4	3.8	13.0
260	247	Next (aa)	250	260	..	17.1	6.6	8.3
360	360	Oliver (C)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
135	108	Pentos	130	135	..	8.3	6.2	5.0
360	360	Peters (Alfred)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
271	219	Rainers Group	260	271	..	16.2	5.9	8.3
188	130	Do Pf	180	188	..	11.3	5.8	8.3
64	64	S & U Stores	60	64	+3	3.8	5.8	8.3
115	95	Sears (aa)	110	115	..	6.5	5.9	8.3
275	275	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	260	275	..	16.5	5.9	8.3
56	56	Do 'B'	55	56	..	3.3	5.8	8.3
298	298	Sock Shop	290	298	..	17.9	5.9	8.3
360	360	Stanley (AG)	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Stead & Simpson 'A'	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
216	216	Storehouse (aa)	210	214	..	12.6	5.9	8.3
9½	9½	Stormguard	9	9½	..	0.6	6.3	8.3
41	41	Sumner Int	40	41	..	2.4	5.9	8.3
86	86	T & S Stores	84	86	..	5.1	5.9	8.3
115	115	Tibbet & Britten	110	115	..	6.5	5.9	8.3
114	114	Tie Rack	110	114	..	6.5	5.9	8.3
360	360	Toye Products	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
169	169	Underwoods	160	169	..	9.9	5.9	8.3
360	360	Ward	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
360	360	Ward White	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
236	236	Wickes	230	236	..	14	5.9	8.3
360	360	Waking Office	350	360	..	21	5.8	8.3
260	260	Windsmoor	250	260	..	15.4	5.8	8.3
260	260	Woolworth (aa)	250	260	..	15.4	5.8	8.3

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	340	AB Elect	435	438	..	18.5	4.5	17.3
126	88	Admiral Comp	118	115	..	4.1	3.6	14.1
312	217	Alba	300	312	..	12.8	4.1	13.5
192½	113	Alphameric	190	192	..	6.6	3.4	13.5
114	80	Amstrad (aa)	112	114	..	4.1	3.6	13.5
170	110	Apricot Computers	168	170	..	6.6	3.9	12.6
		Arlen						

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	274	AB Food (aa)	285	288	-1	11.1	3.9	9.4
400	314	ASDA Group (aa)	355	360	..	5.1	1.4	13.7
183	140	Alpine Drinks	180	183	..	..	..	..
183	140	Applestree Hldgs	180	183	..	..	..	..
212	182	Argyll (aa)	210	212	-3	6.6	3.1	17.3
191	151	Associ Fisheries	188	191	..	6.7	3.5	17.0
153	133	Banks (Sidney C)	150	153	..	9.3	6.1	5.7
543	543	Barker & Dobson	530	543	..	33	6.1	5.7
361	361	Barr (AG)	355	361	..	10.1	2.8	14.5
195	163	Bassett Foods	190	195	..	9.6	5.0	10.7
185	185	Batleys	180	185	..	9.6	5.2	9.5
413	361	Begam	410	413	..	19.2	4.7	14.2
274	274	Bensford (S&W) (aa)	270	274	..	12.1	4.5	9.3
468	361	Booker	460	468	..	21.3	4.5	14.2
231	185	Bornwick	230	231	..	9.7	4.2	13.7
231	185	Boake Bros	230	231	..	9.7	4.2	13.7
476	272	Cadbury Schwp (aa)	410	415	-1	18.1	4.4	13.7
45	32	Carrs Milling	44	45	..	2.6	5.8	8.3
272	272	Clintons Dishes	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
		Do 'A'						
76	76	Cadbury	75	76	..	3.3	4.4	13.7
272	272	Dalgety (aa)	270	272	-1	12.1	4.4	9.3
76	76	Dennis S	75	76	..	3.3	4.4	13.7
272	272	Dingwall (J)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Fisher (A)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Fitch Lovell	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Freshpeake	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
90	90	Gateway	88	90	..	4.1	4.5	9.3
272	272	Glass Glover	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Hazlewood Foods	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Hillsdown (aa)	270	272	-3	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Hunter Saph (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Kwik Save	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Lees (Jarvis J)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Linfood (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Low (Wm)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Matthews (Bernard)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Mest Trade Soap	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Morrison (WM)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Nat Dairy (Unit) (Wmbl)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Normpac	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Nthn Foods (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Nuttall & Peacock	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Park Foods	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Pearmgan	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	RHM (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Rowntree (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Salvesen (Chas)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Tate & Lyle (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Taverns Retlledge	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Tesco (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Unigate (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Utd Biscuits (aa)	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3
272	272	Watson & Philp	270	272	..	12.1	4.4	9.3

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
255	192	Abingworth	230	235	+2	17	07	..
106	75	Ashton Hume	100	106	..	4.8	5.0	8.4
424	360	Aukett Assocs	400	424	..	13.7	3.2	7.6
97	70	Ass Hmngdues	95	97	..	3.4	3.5	12.5
333	260	Ashtenay Inv	330	333	..	..	..	..
156	153	Bensdey Invest	150	156	..	..	..	..
138	91	Br Comwealth (aa)	135	138	..	..	..	..
20	17	Burns-Anderson	19	20	..	..	..	..
260	260	Camellia	250	260	..	..	..	..
413	413	Candover	400	413	..	..	..	..
185	185	Charterhouse	180	185	..	..	..	..
145	111	Chrishes Int	140	145	..	..	..	..
211	180	Hamm&Thompson	200	211	..	..	..	..
180	180	Ind Fin Inv	170	180	..	..	..	..
355	110	Ivory & Sime	350	355	..	..	..	..
81	66	Lit	80	81	..	..	..	..
143	105	Magnile	140	143	..	..	..	..
		Mal Home Loans						
		Do Def						
		Newmarket						
		Parrish Plc						
		Schraemmes Plc						
		Singer & Food						
		Templeton Clrm						

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
151	113	American Express	101½	103	..	4.1	4.2	25.5
109	64	Argyle	103	105	..	3.1	3.0	13.9
117	88	Brazenos Arrow	105	108	..	3.1	3.0	13.9
40	26	Daily Mail	38	39	..	1.1	2.8	13.9
26	15	Do 'A'	24	25	..	0.7	2.8	13.9
175	155	Eagle Trust	167	169	..	6.1	3.6	15.2
175	155	Electra	167	169	..	6.1	3.6	15.2
184	184	Exploration	175	184	..	6.1	3.3	14.1
131	131	Framington	125	131	..	4.1	3.1	11.7
184	184	Frost Gp	175	184	..	6.1	3.3	14.1
141	141	GT Management	135	141	..	4.1	2.9	11.7
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
80, Holderhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Limited)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth & Income	115.1	121.2p	..	8.25
Hi Inc Equity	119.6	122.9p	..	4.94
Worldwide Bd	182.4	194.0p	..	5.00
American Gth	134.8	143.4	..	1.71
Asian Pacific	182.7	192.7	..	1.06
Assets & Earns	133.5	142.1p	..	1.66
Capital Res	79.1	79.3	..	3.78
Comm Energy	82.5	88.4	..	0.91
Euro Capital	96.3	70.4p	..	1.07
General	160.7	170.9	..	2.83
Japan	54.2	100.2	..	..
UK Gth Inc	124.5	132.4p	..	2.69
Do Acc	182.1	194.7p	..	1.42
US Emerg Co	38.7	41.1	..	0.00
Income Gth	247.5	263.2p	..	3.61
Master Acc	70.0	74.4p	..	2.47
American Inc	39.6	42.1	..	6.48
Ethical Tst	41.5	44.1p	..	2.83

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633078

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
28, Cornhill St London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01				
374 6881				
UK Growth	30.5	32.4p	..	3.24
N Amer Inv	23.2	24.7p	..	4.84
World Gth	37.6	40.2p	..	1.19
Extra Inc	37.8	40.2p	..	4.91
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	36.4	37.7	-0.1	2.45
Amer Extra Inc	33.4	35.6p	+0.1	6.46
Australian	21.3	22.7	..	0.00
Euro Tst	39.5	42.0	+0.3	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	24.1	25.7c	-0.1	9.29
Global Income	53.2	56.7p	..	5.49
Hi Income	52.3	55.7p	..	5.46
Income Growth	64.4	68.6	..	4.36
International	78.6	83.7	-0.4	0.83
Japan Gth	158.1	168.1	-1.5	0.00
Special Sits	62.0	66.0p	..	1.32
Formerly Atlantic UT Managers				
Japan Far East	66.1	70.3	..	1.51
International	77.4	71.5	..	2.11
Do Acc	88.1	93.6	..	2.11
Hi Income	54.5	57.9	..	5.76
Fund Invest	94.6	100.5	..	2.23
Do Acc	143.3	152.3	..	2.23
UK Growth	20.5	21.8	..	4.53
N American	35.1	36.4	..	1.82
Swiss Balncd	37.1	39.4	..	3.83

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 4644

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	97.2	103.5	..	1.17
Exempt	386.0	406.9p	..	4.71
Far Eastern	204.0	219.3	..	0.00
Fin & Prop	78.6	83.5	..	2.56
Hi Yield	71.8	75.9p	..	9.05
Income & Gth	298.7	315.8c	..	4.53
Intl Earnings	174.1	184.4	..	3.83
Intl Gth Inc	85.9	90.9	..	2.52
Japan Gth Acc	153.0	163.5c	-1.5	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	100.5	106.3	-0.1	2.55
Preference Inc	129.3	137.0p	..	8.88
Smlr Co Dis Inc	92.9	98.4	+0.3	4.46
Smlr Co Gth	271.1	287.2	-0.2	1.62
Spec Sits Inc	137.7	145.9p	+1.2	3.50
UK Growth	369.5	390.4p	-1.3	3.34

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 28251 dealing:0793 518388

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	208.0	220.1p	..	4.83
Equity Inc	170.5	180.7	-0.4	4.32
High Yield	168.9	179.0p	-0.2	5.16
Balanced	410.7	435.3c	-0.5	3.39
Amer Inc	27.7	29.4	+0.1	3.66
World Asia Val	25.0	26.5	..	1.13
Japan	138.9	146.6	-1.2	0.01
Sec of Amer	169.0	180.0p	+1.0	0.96
Assets Value	139.4	147.8p	..	3.25
O'seas Earn	202.9	215.1p	..	3.05
Recovery	95.1	100.8p	-0.3	3.10
UK Spec Sits	249.2	264.2	-0.5	2.62
Smlr Co	164.5	174.4	+0.7	3.66
Capital	240.8	257.2	..	3.06
Amer Spec Sit	55.6	59.2	+0.1	1.79
International	85.5	92.1	+0.1	1.67
Far East Inc	145.7	154.5	-0.3	1.40
Euro Gth	16.7	17.6	..	1.48
Pacific	212.9	228.1	-1.0	0.21
2nd Smlr Co	185.7	196.8	..	1.87

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	77.2	82.5	..	3.27
Euro Gth Inc	57.2	61.1	..	1.48
Extra Income	91.9	98.1p	..	5.12
General	163.0	173.9	..	3.36
Gilt & Fixed Inc	87.2	93.1	..	8.07
Income Tst	385.1	421.5	..	4.07
Int Incomeome	47.4	50.6	..	4.29
Smlr Co Inc	37.6	40.2	..	1.30

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 138, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
Tel: 01-658 3022

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	49.0	51.9p	+0.1	0.00
Assets	61.5	67.2p	+1.0	0.00
Eastern	67.8	72.3	+1.0	0.10
Equity Inc	66.2	70.2p	-0.1	5.20
Europe	111.9	118.7p	+0.2	0.00
Exempt Tst	93.0	98.3	+0.1	3.40
Growth & Inc	73.5	78.0	..	2.20
Do Acc	114.6	121.4	..	2.20
Global Gth	57.2	60.6	+0.4	0.00
Japan Spec	145.6	155.1	+0.6	0.00
Japan Sun	132.4	162.5	+0.9	0.00
First Europe	97.6	103.5p	+1.7	0.90
First Japan	103.8	110.7	+0.2	0.50
First N America	77.3	82.4	+0.1	1.40
First Smlr Co	69.3	94.7p	+0.1	1.40
N Amer Spec	35.9	38.0p	-0.1	0.00
UK Growth	58.29	62.01	+0.08	5.25

BROWN SHIPLEY
Mt-17, Pennywound Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458744

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	159.1	164.4	+0.1	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	281.5	305.4p	+0.1	0.82
Do Inc	177.7	192.8p	+0.1	0.82
High Income	79.3	84.1	+0.5	5.20
Income	95.1	100.8p	..	5.16
Man Portfl Inc	89.5	95.0	-0.1	2.23
Do Acc	141.9	150.4	-0.3	2.23
Nth American	41.1	43.6	-0.1	0.21
Orient	94.5	100.2p	-0.4	0.10
Exempt	266.9	281.6p	+1.0	2.30
Recovery	61.4	65.1p	+0.1	0.35
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Int Recov	22.6	23.9p	..	1.00
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Income Fd 3	133.4	141.5c	..	5.00
Do Acc 3	211.3	224.0c	..	5.00
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Do Acc 2	136.5	144.4	-0.1	2.00
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Do Acc	98.6	104.2	+0.1	1.85

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
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Do Acc	98.6	104.2	+0.1	1.85

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Nth American	34.5	36.1s	-0.1	0.76
Global	42.6	45.3	+0.1	0.76
European	39.4	39.7	+0.1	1.98
Japan	57.5	60.1	+0.1	0.01
Strategic Opp	43.2	45.9	+0.2	1.45
Do Acc	47.3	50.1	..	3.41
Int Currency	44.1	46.9p	+0.2	5.90

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Gold Gen S S	50.3	53.5	+0.4	0.94
Income	357.6	380.4	-0.1	5.23
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Nth Amer	212.4	226.7	-0.5	3.11

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Far East Fd	57.3	60.9	-0.6	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.6	58.1p	+0.1	4.38
Fxd Interest	58.7	62.5p	-0.2	9.08
Natural Res Fd	36.9	39.3	+0.1	2.09
European Inc	36.9	39.6	+0.2	2.51
Financial Tr	39.7	42.1	+0.1	2.72
Ind Tech Fd	39.7	42.1	0.3	0.00
Japan Gth	37.1	39.6	..	0.00
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Scttsh Gth Acc	65.0	69.2	..	..
Do Inc	63.1	67.2	..	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	28.2	31.1	..	..
Do Inc	27.5	29.3	..	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	56.8	60.5	..	..
Do Inc	56.6	53.5p	..	5.50
Scrs Co Acc	67.3	71.5p	..	..
Do Inc	64.0	68.0p	..	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	20.3	21.6	..	..
Do Inc	20.2	21.5	..	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	15.5	16.5	..	2.00
Do Inc	15.4	16.4	..	2.00

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
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Amer Equity Inc	24.3	25.0p	+0.1	6.20
Amer Spec Sit	45.0	48.2p	+0.2	0.00
Australia	24.1	25.7	+0.1	2.21
Convertible	31.9	34.9	+0.9	..
European Inc	19.5	21.2	+0.1	4.48
Global Conv	22.6	24.1	+0.1	3.46
Gt/Fxd Int	27.4	29.2p	-0.1	3.62
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.9	30.1p	..	9.51
Growth & Inc	110.5	118.5c	..	5.10
Japan Spec Sit	73.3	78.5	-0.8	..
Japan	68.3	73.2	-0.8	..
Managed Int	117.5	125.2	-0.2	0.29
Inc Plus	102.4	109.5p	+0.1	4.57
Famous Name	40.0	42.9	..	2.36
SE Asia	48.3	51.7	-0.1	0.82
Spec Sit	247.4	265.4	+0.3	0.72
Eastern Opps	22.8	24.3	-0.2	..
Intl Bond	23.4	24.9p	..	6.97
Recovery	27.6	29.6	+0.2	2.40
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Australia	158.7	167.4	+1.4	..
Amer Turn Inc	178.1	187.9	+0.2	..
Do Acc	184.7	194.9	+0.2	..
Capital Inc	268.0	274.4	+0.1	2.40
Do Acc	322.2	340.1	+0.1	2.40
Conv/Gtr Inc	108.8	109.3	..	5.54
Do Acc	146.1	154.1	+0.1	5.54
Eastern Inc	127.2	134.2	+0.1	1.22
European Inc	82.6	86.5p	+0.6	..
Extra Inc Inc	234.8	247.9	+0.3	4.76
Do Acc	264.5	279.1	+0.2	4.76
Financial Acc	41.0	43.2p	+0.1	1.06
Do Acc	40.8	42.8p	+0.1	1.06
Income Tst	156.5	165.2p	..	4.26
Do Acc	175.1	184.8p	..	..
Inntrk Gth Inc	150.1	158.4p	+0.6	..
Do Acc	151.8	160.0p	+0.6	..
Japan/Gth Inc	115.9	122.3	-0.5	..
Do Acc	117.1	123.5	-0.2	..
Monthly Inc Fd	122.2	128.6p	+0.1	4.15
PEP 87	91.8	..	-0.2	2.43
PEP 88	53.0	55.9	+0.1	2.26
Recovery	168.8	179.2	+0.3	1.96
Do Acc	187.2	197.5	+0.3	1.96
Smaller Inc	52.7	55.6	-0.1	2.65
Do Acc	52.9	55.8	-0.1	2.65

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
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Do Acc	393.2	416.7c	..	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	92.8	98.6	..	0.89
Do Acc	92.8	98.6	..	0.89
Fxd Interest Di	116.6	122.7c	..	9.16
Do Acc	151.3	160.7c	..	9.16
Int Gth Dist	81.5	84.6c	..	1.37
Do Acc	81.5	84.6c	..	1.37
Nth Amer Dist	101.9	108.1	..	2.39
Do Acc	103.6	109.9	..	2.39
Pac Basin Dist	175.8	186.5	..	0.18
Do Acc	178.8	189.7	..	0.18
Sternard Dist	231.8	245.9c	..	0.80
Do Acc	244.0	258.9c	..	0.80
Steward Inc Di	58.1	59.4c	..	3.36
Do Acc	58.0	60.5c	..	3.36
N Stead Di	47.9	50.8	..	1.97
Do Acc	47.9	50.8	..	1.97

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Asian Sp Sits	33.3	35.4	-0.1	0.00
UK Cap Inc	133.7	132.0	-0.2	2.60
Do Acc	182.9	195.1	-0.3	2.60
Do Spec Sits	51.0	54.4	+0.1	1.00
Income Fd	94.2	100.5	+0.1	4.96
International	148.7	158.5	+0.6	0.10
US & General	40.4	43.0p	..	1.10
Japan & Gen	301.2	321.3	+0.6	0.10
Pacific Gth	76.5	81.6	+0.2	0.10
European Fd	208.0	223.0	+2.3	0.10
Germany Fd	49.6	52.8	+0.6	1.80
Intl Inc Fd	46.1	48.1p	-1.1	6.20
Wld Spec Sit	41.1	43.8	+0.1	1.50
Global Prp Inc	47.0	50.0	..	1.50
Do Acc	47.0	50.0	..	1.50

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Tsts				
British Acc	70.7	75.7	..	2.14
Do Dist	60.0	64.2	..	2.14
Cnstt UK Gth	24.4	25.9	..	2.12
Main Exps	265.8	276.8	..	2.58
Prpct Inv Inc	71.2	67.4	..	2.22
Do Acc	118.3	125.2	..	2.22
Spec Sits	99.0	105.6	..	0.86
UK Sel Opps	57.1	60.9p	..	1.47
UK Smlr Cos	106.3	114.0	..	0.87
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	59.3	63.6p	..	6.25
Fxd Interest	30.4	32.7p	..	7.27
High Income	31.0	33.5c	..	5.10
Income	30.1	32.3	..	4.96
Intl Fxd Int	23.6	25.2	..	7.81

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Common Shre	57.4	61.2c	..	1.55
Frontier Mkts	23.7	25.6p	..	0.78
Global	151.9	160.0	..	1.25
Do Dist	144.5	154.8	..	1.25
Glob Inc/Gth	99.5	71.4	..	4.22
Gold Shares	15.3	16.5	..	1.89
Intl Sel Opps	104.7	111.7	..	0.91
Oil & Energy	41.5	44.4	..	2.13
Wrwide Recov	79.5	84.8	..	0.94
Overseas Tsts				
American	80.4	84.3p	..	1.24
Amer Sel Opp	25.4	27.0	..	0.29
Australian	16.7	18.0p	..	0.61
European	42.2	45.3	..	1.52
Euro Sel Opp	51.6	55.1	..	0.82
Far East	127.2	136.6	-1.3	0.10
Hedged Amer	29.4	31.3	..	0.00
Hong Kong	23.1	24.7	..	1.68
Japan	128.1	137.4	-1.5	0.00
Japan S/Opp	70.4	75.5p	-0.4	0.00
Pacific Gth	44.0	48.5c	..	0.85

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Ameravalue Gr	53.2	54.8	..	1.38
American Inc	44.8	52.6	..	5.38
European Gth	44.0	47.0p	..	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	45.3	48.1	..	0.71
Japan Gth	65.0	69.5s	..	..
Pacific Inc	81.7	86.9	..	..
Pacific Smlr	40.9	43.7	..	0.41
UK Prop Inc	82.2	87.5p	..	4.99
UK Smlr Opps	139.7	146.2	..	1.34
Gt British	35.5	37.9s	..	3.41
UK Smlr Co	35.7	38.1s	..	0.99

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.6	124.6	-0.2	8.88
Gth Equity	229.8	262.5p	-0.5	2.56
Guaranteed	312.5	334.3	-1.2	3.10
Income Tst	94.8	100.2	-0.2	4.86
Ins Tst	109.5	115.9	+0.2	0.00
N American	114.8	122.5p	+0.2	0.00
Pacific	264.4	279.9p	+0.2	0.09
Prop Shares	372.2	393.9	+4.9	1.76
Smaller Co	281.7	298.1p	+1.9	1.74
European Tst	194.2	243.6	+4.7	0.00

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Capital Inc	37.37	39.76p	+0.53	0.80
High Income	80.45	86.23p	-0.17	5.37
N Amer Tst	88.38	94.02	+0.84	0.00
Pacific Gth	43.40	46.16p	-0.54	0.00
Recovery	92.3	98.2	-0.5	0.00
St Vincent Inc	104.2	108.9	..	5.77
St Vincent US Gth	48.80	51.57	+0.06	1.39
Tokyo & Gen Co	238.9	253.1	..	0.27
TSB/SF	145.0	158.0p	-0.90	2.83
Euro Gth Tst	41.37	43.66	+0.14	0.80

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PAPER & BOARD FOCUS A Special Report

Wrapping up a great anniversary

The paper and board industry is celebrating 500 years of business, and business is booming, says Derek Harris Industrial Editor

CELEBRATING 5 CENTURIES 1488 500 1988 OF BRITISH PAPER MAKING

There's an old saying in Britain's paper and board industry that has long accepted its essentially cyclical character of trading ups followed by inevitable downs. It goes like this: one good business year is followed by three bad ones.

So it is a happy conjunction of events that this year, when the industry is celebrating its anniversary of extraordinary longevity covering 500 years, the cyclical mould looks as if it is being reshaped. It appears to be changing from a four-year pattern to something rather more extended.

As with so much in British industry, this has a great deal to do with the present economic upsurge in the UK. The fortunes of the paper and board industry have been closely allied to the growth of gross domestic product and the health of manufacturing as a whole.

If consumers are buying more goods, then more packaging for them is needed. More corrugated board is wanted for the boxes and more wrapping paper is used.

If advertising is growing, then newspapers and magazines will be adding more pages, and this puts up the demand for paper on which to print the extra content. It also means more posters will go up on the hoardings.

Jeffery Bartlett, director-general of the British Paper and Board Industry Federation, said: "The state of the economy is only part of the story. There is also underlying growth in the use of paper per person. In per capita consumption the UK is still behind North America, Sweden, West Germany and Japan."

Last year saw UK production of paper and board rise for the fifth consecutive year, with almost 4.2 million tonnes emerging from the mills.

The British industry's experience is a reflection of world trends in paper and board, which more than most is international in character. Output of paper and board has been at a high level in nearly every producer country of any size during the past year although, as the federation points out, few have seen the sort of increases achieved by the British papermakers.

World consumption rose 21 per cent between 1982 and 1986 to 202 million tonnes

The main worry for the British producers is import pressures from such countries as Finland, Sweden and Norway, where there have been considerable capacity expansions.

There was a serious recession after 1979 that bottomed out in 1982 when the UK produced 3.2 million tonnes. In the UK it had brought a rash of mill closures.

But the big difference last year compared with 1979 was that the production was achieved with 30 per cent fewer mills – 93 against 140 operational in 1979 – and employing 30,000 people against more than 50,000.

Productivity in the period has increased 80 per cent compared with 38 per cent for UK manufacturing as a whole.

The imports share of the UK market crept to 61 per cent from 59 per cent in 1986, reflecting the lack of capacity to meet the surge in demand. The capacity problem was a fairly general one but showed up particularly in printing and writing papers and in corrugated cases, says Mr Bartlett.

He added: "This year is going to be a very good one even if there might not be as much growth as in 1987. With the investment going in there should be the expansion of capacity in the industry that has been needed."

Production capacity last year was 4.4 million tonnes, up from 4.1 million in 1986. Forecast capacity this year has been put at 4.5 million tonnes, rising to 4.7 million in 1989 and 4.8 million in 1990.

Mr Bartlett said: "We are in a much better position today to withstand import fluctuations than we were five or 10 years ago. But it is necessary to remain cautious. It is important not to overestimate future demand and encourage too much extra investment.

But a further encouraging factor has been the increase in UK exports of paper and board. There was a 16 per cent rise in 1987 compared with the previous year as exports reached 732,000 tonnes, and the graph has been rising steadily since 1982.

Since exports now represent 17.5 per cent of UK production there is further scope for growth, Mr Bartlett believes. But he pointed out: "The prospect for exports has much more to do with exchange rate levels and opportunities within Europe, which is the main market. Exports will be very dependent on a realistic exchange rate being maintained between sterling and the European currencies."

A stronger sterling has at least made it easier for pulp-using mills to sustain the still-rising dollar prices of their raw material. But the steady rise in pulp prices throughout last year forced price increases in many paper products and the continued pulp price spiral is being viewed with great concern, says the federation.

Paper for printing and writing use has continued to be the dominant sector in UK paper and board production, a 10 per cent increase in output during 1987 bringing the end-year total to almost 1.2 million tonnes. It means output over two years has risen by a fifth.

Makers of soft tissues, largely for domestic use from kitchen towels to toilet rolls, reached a record operating ratio of 98 per cent of capacity last year. Four fifths of the UK market of nearly 500,000 tonnes was supplied by domestic producers.

The two big producers are Scott Limited and Kimberly-Clark, both with American parent companies. But a third player in this sector is British Tissues, backed by a consortium of UK and Finnish interests.

UK makers of corrugated case materials have increased output by nearly a quarter in the past five years despite operating in a relatively mature market.

Newsprint production in the UK continued its upward trend with a 5 per cent rise during last year as increased production facilities played their part.

JOHN MANNING



A customer inspecting the paper products shelf in a Boots store

UK PAPER AND BOARD INDUSTRY – 1987



Companies	68
Mills	109
Employees	35,000
Machines	220
Production	4.3m tns
Turnover	£1.7bn
Capital employed	£1.1bn
Pre-tax profit	£230m
Capital expenditure	£100m

Reed, which has increasingly been concentrating on publishing and information systems, is selling its British and continental paper and board interests in a management buy-out led by Peter Williams, chief executive of Reed Manufacturing, as the division is known. More details are due out next week, when the trade buyer of Reed's other paper and board interest, the North American Paper Group, may also be named.

Both Reed Manufacturing and the north American operation have improved their trading profits – before central costs are taken into account – the UK and Continental interests having raised the profits last year by 21 per cent to £56.4 million on a turnover up 9 per cent to £706 million.

The way to a clean house

Although often regarded as a modern concept, recycling is old hat to the paper industry. Not that the papermakers have tired of using raw materials more than once, after centuries of turning rags into vellum, and old paper in new.

The industry, as it happens, is something of the model recycler still today.

Furthermore, if the present buoyant demand continues, the industry may have to turn to waste products even more.

The high chemistry of the modern wood-processing industries naturally produces a great deal of rather nasty by-products, keeping it under close scrutiny by the environment authorities.

But this control is not new either, and, in most cases, paper mills appear to have a good record when in comes to cleaning their own waste.

The fact that environmentalists are more incensed by the planting of trees for eventual cropping for the paper industry than by its production wastes, confirms how clean a house it keeps.

Paper mills see the demands for ever-stricter effluent discharge norms as a steady upward slope, but will gladly point out that watercourses near their plants are far cleaner than the beaches in many seaside resorts.

The industry consumed a record 2.3 million tonnes of waste paper last year, an 8 per cent increase over 1986. In 1984, only 1.8 million tonnes was recycled.

Of the fibrous raw materials used, 50 per cent was waste paper pulp, a level broadly maintained in the 1980s.

The Department of Trade and Industry asked the British Paper and Board Industry Federation to act as a focal point for the specification work, as part of a government initiative to foster the wider use of waste paper in certain paper qualities.

The problem mills have with waste paper is the reliability of supply. Industrial and commercial sources are able to deliver regular quantities, but a large part of paper and board used for domestic purposes is hard to collect and sort.

The Scouts, and other organizations, are diligent gatherers of old newspapers, but the industry requires large, consistent volumes.

Ironically, it was the shortage of the rags and waste that fed the industry in the past which forced it to seek new raw materials such as straw and wood.

An energy intensive industry, paper and board makers, have made great strides in reducing energy consumption. The industry complains bitterly, however, that gains have often been eliminated by energy pricing policies.

The energy costs eliminate gains

In 1987, the industry used 199 primary therms per tonne of product, almost 100 therms below the level recorded at the start of the decade.

Purfleet Board Mills last year claimed a European first, with their combined heat and power plant using methane drawn from a land-fill – the height of environment-friendliness.

Water, another resource the industry requires in abundance, has also been used with greater efficiency, if primarily on economic rather than environmental grounds.

It takes an average of about 40,000 litres of circulated water to produce a tonne of paper or board, but some mills need only 5 per cent of new water because of their efficient recycling systems.

Colin Narbrough

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PAPER & BOARD/ 2

Survivors savour the years of prosperity

The paper and board industry is enjoying a dynamic, high-growth phase, and although many mills have had to struggle in leaner times, a surprisingly large number and wide variety have survived, *writes Colin Narbrough.*

But a constellation of factors — the single European market in 1992, the surge in inward investment, and the building of big new integrated mills — could see a radical change in the industry's profile and an end to links with historic locations.

Caledonian Paper, part of the huge Finnish forestry group Kymmene, started work on its £215 million mill at Irvine, Strathclyde, last year. Production starts next year.

Irvine, the biggest single inward investment in Scotland, could be seen to signify the new round in the industry's restructuring process.

In the South-East, Townsend Hook, at Snodland on the River Medway in Kent, is definitely one of the survivors — there has probably been a mill on its site since the 1600s — and is a company traditionally linked with this newspaper.

After long-standing relations with the paper supplier, *The Times* gained control of the mill in 1960, selling it four years later to the *News of the World*, which in turn was acquired by Rupert Murdoch in 1968. This brought it within the orbit of News International, today the owner of *The Times*.

Brian Williams, Townsend Hook's administration director, sees the company benefiting from the present boom, having survived the shake-out of the early 1980s intact. He looks forward to at least two more "quite good" years for the mill after the "rather good" one it has just had. But he thinks it would be foolish to expect the prosperity to last indefinitely.

The industry does, after all, closely follow general trends in the economy, and any fall in consumer spending soon has an impact on the use of paper and board. Townsend Hook's 35,000 tonnes of quality coated papers responds quickly to lower spending by the advertising industry, as well as to publishers' changed perceptions about the size of editions.

Its case-making grades — it supplies 15 per cent of the UK industry's fluting medium requirements — also suffer if the demand for packaging eases. Despite its Fleet Street connection, the mill no longer makes newsprint.

Given the vast product range of the paper and board industry, recipes for any one mill's survival and success will inevitably be highly individual. Davidsons, Britain's third largest producer, with mills at Aberdeen, Radcliffe and Purfleet, Essex, produces 380,000 tonnes of paper and board annually.

Behind its range of converting operations, producing multi-wall paper sacks to solid fibre containers, lies a huge national waste paper operation, collecting and processing more than 500,000 tonnes every year.

Last year, Davidsons commissioned a £1.5 million waste plant at Salford, one of Europe's most up-to-date, to service Greater Manchester. Its innovative ability was again shown last year with the launch of its Ruston gas turbine at Purfleet, fuelled with methane gas drawn from a smelly land-fill near by.

Purfleet Board Mills, acquired by Davidsons in 1986, is not just into environmental gimmickry — it is Britain's biggest producer of packaging board from recycled paper. Its yearly 105,000 tonnes is turned into corrugated cases, cartons, bookbinding, tubes, and even packaging composites for whisky. A £25 expansion programme announced last autumn will bring output up to 140,000 tonnes.



Looking forward to more good years: Brian Williams at Townsend Hook. Right: the new warehouse

Glyn Jones, the director and general manager, says: "Our view is that without continuing to invest, you are dead these days, and this has been the fate in the recent past of much of British paper and board making."

His mills have a technical reputation, having pioneered an integrated control system and advanced process control and the use of methane. The innovations are seen as advantages helping to keep the group at the forefront of the board industry world-wide.

In more remote parts, Invercon Papermills, based at Larne, Co Antrim, reports its satisfaction with its latest product launch, the "Thick and Fast" kitchen towel, which lays claim to being both bulkier than its rivals and the fastest absorber on the market. This "first" for the Dutch-owned company, whose annual output of soft tissue is around 20,000 tonnes, relies on the latest converting technology from Italy.

The move into kitchen towels, by a mill best known for its disposable hygiene products and "private label" toilet tissue, came after two years of planning and substantial investment by the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board.

While the big mills, especially the major acquisitions and new-builds, grab most of the headlines, the paper industry retains stength in depth, with specialist and smaller mills dotted all over the map.

Thomas & Green Holdings, the speciality paper group, and the largest coffee filter maker in Britain, built up by George Mandl, one of the industry's most ardent chroniclers, has a £30 million annual turnover today.

The paper filters produced so successfully by the company are not without a past. The Lower Tovil Mill in Maidstone, Kent — old paper-making country — had more than a century of experience.

Mr Mandl has not only kept working the Fourstones Paper Mill, established in 1793 at Hexham, Northumberland — one of Britain's oldest working mills — but has also expanded it into a market leader in hospital disposables.

Despite its involvement in the past, the group is no prisoner of it, and in 1984 restructured its product mix, concentrating filter and absorbent paper production at its Arborfield Mill near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

The group's expansion on the European Continent, extending to reputedly impenetrable Switzerland, could encourage other British companies in the industry as 1992 approaches.

Already the leading European supplier of fluted coffee filters for the catering industry, Thomas & Green, at least, appears to be prepared.

Machinery on the move into big money

Buoyancy of the UK paper and board market last year helped the UK industry's machinery-makers to a new high in sales in the 12 months to the beginning of May. Value was lifted 13 per cent.

Sales in 1986-87 in the May-to-May period were £119 million but in the past 12 months rose to £134 million. In the latest 12 months export sales accounted for 58 per cent of business and were up 11 per cent.

Sales to the UK paper and board makers rose 14 per cent as domestic investment moved up on the back of a continuing growth in paper and board sales.

Exports nevertheless are crucial for the fortunes of the more than 40 UK manufacturers of paper and board machinery.

The reason is that as one national market may move into the sort of cyclical dip typical of the industry, it is possible to turn to another national market that is not as affected.

It is one of the reasons why the British Paper Machinery Makers' Association has begun a joint sales effort in China, where substantial growth seems likely.

Indonesia is another Far East market that, like many others, is expected to move into a phase of upgrading its paper and board making to compete better internationally.

Eric Langdon, who has just ended a three-year stint as the association's chairman and who is managing director of Black Clawson International based at Newport, Gwent, said: "Exports are important, accounting for some time for such a solid slice of turnover around the 60 per cent mark.

"During its five-year period of growth the UK paper and board making industry has been improving its efficiency with new factories and machinery, which in turn has given us growth, especially in the earlier part of this decade.

"But now we have to improve our image to compete even more effectively with the other strong contenders around the world."

In five years the UK machinery-makers have seen a growth of 90 per cent in sales.

Mr Langdon said: "The UK is now a substantial player in paper and board making machinery. We are up against the Finns, the Germans and the Japanese especially — and some of the time we win."

Exports vital to the fortunes of more than 40 producers in the UK

Emphasizing how the growth in developing countries is boosting the market, Mr Langdon said: "There is no discernible let-up. It still looks good. Many workshops have a good forward load of orders."

His own company has full order books for this year with some orders in for both 1989 and later.

But he admitted: "The strength or otherwise of sterling may dictate the future. We are certainly worried about the currency situation. Some overseas contracts are inevitably now being looked at hard against the strength of sterling."

There was room in the UK for more collective action to gain inroads into foreign markets, Mr Langdon added. He said: "In Finland manufacturers, banks and government act much more collectively and the results show."

But he has been encouraged by recent industry missions in which manufacturers have joined in overseas sales drives, the latest to Australia and New Zealand.

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The investment millions are rolling in

Since 1983 when the paper and board industry in the UK as well as elsewhere started to pull out of the long recession, major investments in British mills have added up to more than £530 million. At least one other big investment planned could bring the total shortly to more than £650 million.

The figures come from the tracking of developments by the British Paper and Board Industry Federation. Some notable investment is by the UK subsidiaries of overseas companies, but the flow has not all been one way. Companies such as Wiggins Teape, part of the BAT tobacco, insurance and retailing group, have boosted their international interests.

The biggest single investment is £215 million, which is going into a new plant at Irvine in Scotland, due to start production next spring. The spending is by Caledonian Paper, part of Finland's Kymmeme Strömberg, in what will be a fully integrated plant taking in mainly Scottish timber as its raw material.

The product, for the first time in the UK, will be lightweight coated paper, which is being increasingly used for magazines. It is a new middle-quality paper of a better grade than newsprint but not as expensive as gravure.

Another key investment has been the £135 million that has created another greenfield development at Shotton in the North-West, where a newsprint machine and de-inker is being operated by United Paper Mills (UPM) of Finland. Again it is an integrated plant offering the economies of this type of operation, cutting out the need for the double drying of materials. Additional investment is also going in.

The newsprint sector could see another big boost to investment. Christopher Wilkins, chairman of Stirling Fibres, a privately owned UK waste paper operation, has a scheme for a new plant estimated to cost about £130 million to be operated in Scotland as North British Newsprint.

A technical study is now going on but there is a prospective site at Gartcosh, the old steel area near Glasgow. Production is expected to start in about two years. The plant is likely to produce about 200,000 tonnes of newsprint a year.

Another large investment just announced is £19 million to be spent by Kimberly-Clark on a tissue production works at Flint, North Wales.

A series of other existing projects have involved investment of £10 million or more, according to the federation. About £40 million has been spent on improvements between 1984 and 1985 at what is now the Scott Limited tissue production plant at Northfleet, Kent.

Bridgewater Paper has spent £23 million on a de-inker at Ellesmere Port, Merseyside, and Thomas Tait & Sons has put in a new machine costing £22.5 million to produce printing and writing paper at Inverarie, near Aberdeen, where the company is based.

Wiggins Teape spent £13 million on a new paper coating machine in 1985 as well as more than £9 million on other new systems. Earlier it had spent about £11 million on improvements at three UK centres.

Wiggins Teape claims to be the UK's leading exporter of paper products and the largest paper merchant in Europe as well as a leading European manufacturer of carbonless papers. Wiggins Teape and DRG, the other big producer of this new-style paper, replacing the old loose carbons systems, have given the UK a lead in this sector in Europe.

In the past five years Wiggins Teape has spent about £150 million in developing machinery and products, and about the same amount is expected to be invested during the next five years. The group claims to have the largest research and development centre in the European paper industry, employing 200 there and spending about £7 million a year.

Davidsons at Bucksburn, Aberdeen, spent £12 million on improving packaging plant two years ago.

Reed International has pumped £10 million into rebuilding a corrugated paper machine – to make cardboard boxes – at Aylesford, Kent. Reed started up at Aylesford in 1903, and at one time the site housed 13 machines in one of Europe's largest papermaking complexes. The new machine, opened earlier this year, and one other now turn out corrugated paper, while a third one produces newsprint.

Using the existing infrastructure proved the most economical route for Reed, which estimates that building from scratch on a greenfield site could have cost £50 million or more.

Jeffery Bartlett, the federation's director-general, commented: "There is always a balance to be struck between the cost of additional investment and the benefits that can be achieved from it. In some sectors of the industry plants are as good and modern technologically as anywhere in Europe but there are areas where further investment is necessary.

"There are few companies which would say they should not do more in this respect."

Mr Bartlett believed there would still be some plant closures, although at a reduced rate, as well as new or improved plants opening up.

No significant increase in employment in the industry was expected, although the trend towards reduction of the labour force had probably bottomed out, he added.

A number of UK companies, including Davidsons, have a manufacturing presence abroad but the biggest impact has come from Wiggins Teape. It has two mills in Belgium, the first bought 25 years ago, and after expansion it now employs 1,700 there.

In 1985 it bought 42 per cent of Soporcel, a Portuguese eucalyptus pulp producer. A mill completed in 1984 produces 280,000 tonnes a year, and a new mill, at 120,000 tonnes a year, is being studied as an addition in the early part of the next decade. At the end of 1986 Wiggins Teape added to its eucalyptus interests by buying outright for £42 million the Ceasa pulp mill in north-west Spain. Its capacity is being lifted to 180,000 tonnes a year.

The advantage of eucalyptus is that it grows three times as fast as pine and produces pulp that is claimed to rival the best qualities from Scandinavian pine. The investments have made Wiggins Teape one of the large eucalyptus pulp-makers in Europe, with additional supplies available from a BAT subsidiary in Brazil.

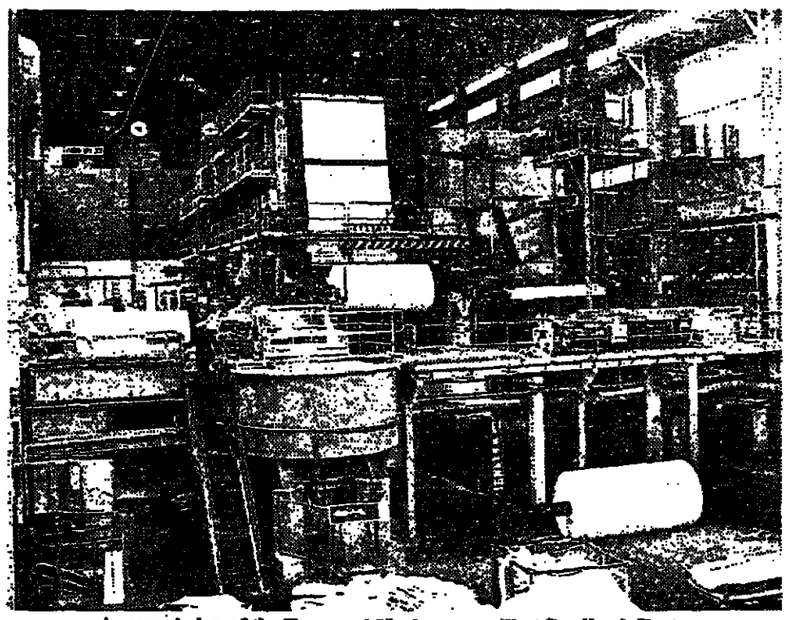
Alex Halliday, deputy chairman of Wiggins Teape, said: "We see ourselves as European. Carbonless paper is important and we are investing in paper merchanting, which represents half our turnover.

Derek Harris

UK Production ('000 tonnes)

	1967	1977	1985	1986	1987
Newsprint	714.5	300.9	351.8	476.1	495.5
Printings and writings, papers and boards	1045.8	991.3	964.9	1078.3	1187.3
Corrugated case materials	476.2	905.0	995.9	1015.0	1085.3
Packaging papers	374.1	248.5	116.1	104.8	103.2
Packaging boards	925.7	773.9	535.8	537.1	543.9
Household, toilet papers and tissues	222.2	414.4	413.3	424.1	443.1
Industrial and special purpose papers and boards	677.7	448.7	303.4	305.7	324.7
Total	**4436.2**	**4082.7**	**3681.2**	**3941.1**	**4183.9**

Source: BPBIF



A general view of the Townsend Hook paper mill at Snodland, Kent

500 years to celebrate

Many readers have doubtless registered the 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada, or the bicentenary of white settlement in Australia. Few outside the industry, however, are likely to have spotted another important event this year – 500 years of British papermaking.

North of the border, too, there is something to celebrate. The first Scottish paper mill was founded 400 years ago.

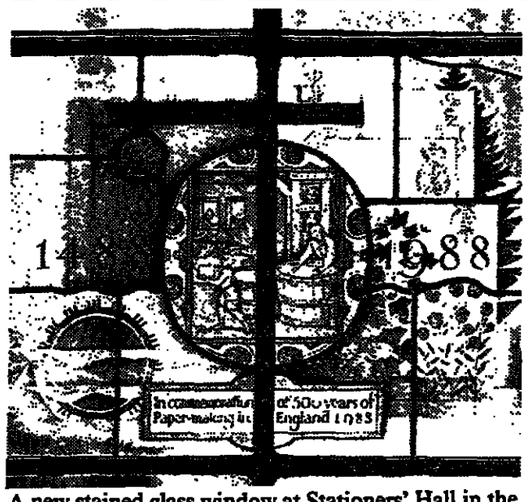
Perhaps Britain's paper industry is taken for granted today. But it is so intimately linked with the art of printing and packaging that it has both played a vital role in the formation of our society and contributed greatly to the development of an important world industry.

One John Tate, a merchant adventurer and son of the Lord Mayor of London, was the man credited by economic historians with founding the British paper industry, building a mill on the river Lee at Hertford around 1488 after recognizing the growing demand for paper, a luxury item imported from the Continent until then.

His idea of starting domestic paper production during the reign of Henry VII almost coincided with William Caxton's establishment of a printing press at Westminister Abbey, bringing the revolution of the printed word to Britain well away from the restrictive practices of the City's ancient guilds.

The exact date of Tate's mill has yet to be agreed among the experts. But we know that by 1495 he had secured an order to supply paper for a book, *De Proprietatibus Rerum*.

And the surviving 478-leaf volume clearly tells us who made the paper:



A new stained glass window at Stationers' Hall in the City of London commemorating the 500th anniversary of paper making in Britain

"And John Tate the Yonger, Joye mote he broke, Whiche late hathe in England doo make this paper thynne That now in our Englysth this boke is prynted inne."

At this stage Britain, later a world leader in industrial technology, had not come up with any innovations in the paper field, and relied on its native flocks of sheep to provide skins for writing material – parchment.

The craft of making paper had to be imported, like printing, from other, then more civilized, parts of Europe. Europeans had been relative late-comers to paper. A Chinese emperor was reputedly presented with a sheet of paper in AD 105. The secret was not to be kept for ever, and papermaking filtered westwards via the Turks and the Arabs.

Arab culture carried the gift of paper into Italy and Spain. Indeed, Moorish Spain may have had its first mill before William the Conqueror came ashore at Hastings in 1066.

Papyrus, the Nile reed, which had provided a widely used writing material since ancient Egyptian times, appears to have disappeared by the 10th century.

From its modest beginnings, with crude paper made from rags, British papermaking was to flower into a dynamic industry. A German, Johann Spillmann, began making fine white paper near London in 1588 – yet another anniversary.

But as the demand for paper rose, for record-keeping, printing, wrappings and wallpapers, the supply of home-generated rags proved inadequate. The search for other raw materials was spurred on by the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars.

During this period emerged the Fourdrinier paper machine, patented in 1801 and named after the London stationers who financed its development.

The technological drive of Victorian Britain soon yielded powered enhanced paper machines, capable of using used paper, straw, esparto grass and ultimately timber as feedstock. By the end of the century, the paper industry as we know it, highly mechanized and using sophisticated industrial chemistry, had largely come into being.

The story since has been one of ever-growing demand for paper products, with imports rising to meet the need. However, imports overtook domestic production only in 1981, and the British industry is now coming back with renewed vigour in its old age.

To mark the year, the Paper 500 Committee, under the leadership of George Mandl, chairman of Thomas Green Holdings, planned a programme of events, including a historical exhibition launched in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, this month and a paper historians' conference in Durham in September.

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Researching, innovating and thriving

Pira, the research association for the paper, board, printing and packaging industries, has evidently started to thrive in the "enterprise economy" of the Thatcher years, *writes Colin Narbrough.*

The 80-year-old organization, based at Leatherhead, Surrey, feels that the changing political and economic climate of the 1980s has enabled the associated industries its members represent once again to regard research as something worth serious consideration.

"We've now actually found the world," is how Brian Blunden, Pira's managing director, succinctly puts it.

He believes the most important difference is that industry in the Pira sphere no longer fears it is disrupting production when its seeks to innovate or make technological progress.

The sectors for which he caters, representing 8 per cent of Britain's manufacturing industry and employing between 750,000 and a million people, offer good opportunities for growth – a goal Pira is there to help them to achieve.

Mr Blunden sees Pira as being committed to fostering the business interests of its 1,000 members and clients, applying science to industry to achieve greater efficiency.

Last year the organization's turnover grew by 17 per cent, reflecting the growth in demand for the research and consultancy services of its three divisions. Mr Blunden expects 22 per cent growth this year.

Finance for its operations comes primarily from what it earns in the market-place as it seeks to decrease its reliance on government funding. About 15 per cent of funds come from competitive bidding for government-related work, and 10 per cent from subscriptions.

But 20 to 50 per cent of subscriptions from member companies, which range from £500 to £8,000, depending on the size and resources of the business, can be returned in the form of credit for Pira services.

Though a national research agency, Pira gladly serves an international clientele. A fifth of its members are from non-UK organizations, accounting for about 15 per cent of its work. And it sees the single European market, due to be established by the end of 1992, as very important to its activities. Mr Blunden notes that no similar grouping of sectoral research under one roof exists in Europe, a factor expected to make mainland businesses turn to Pira.

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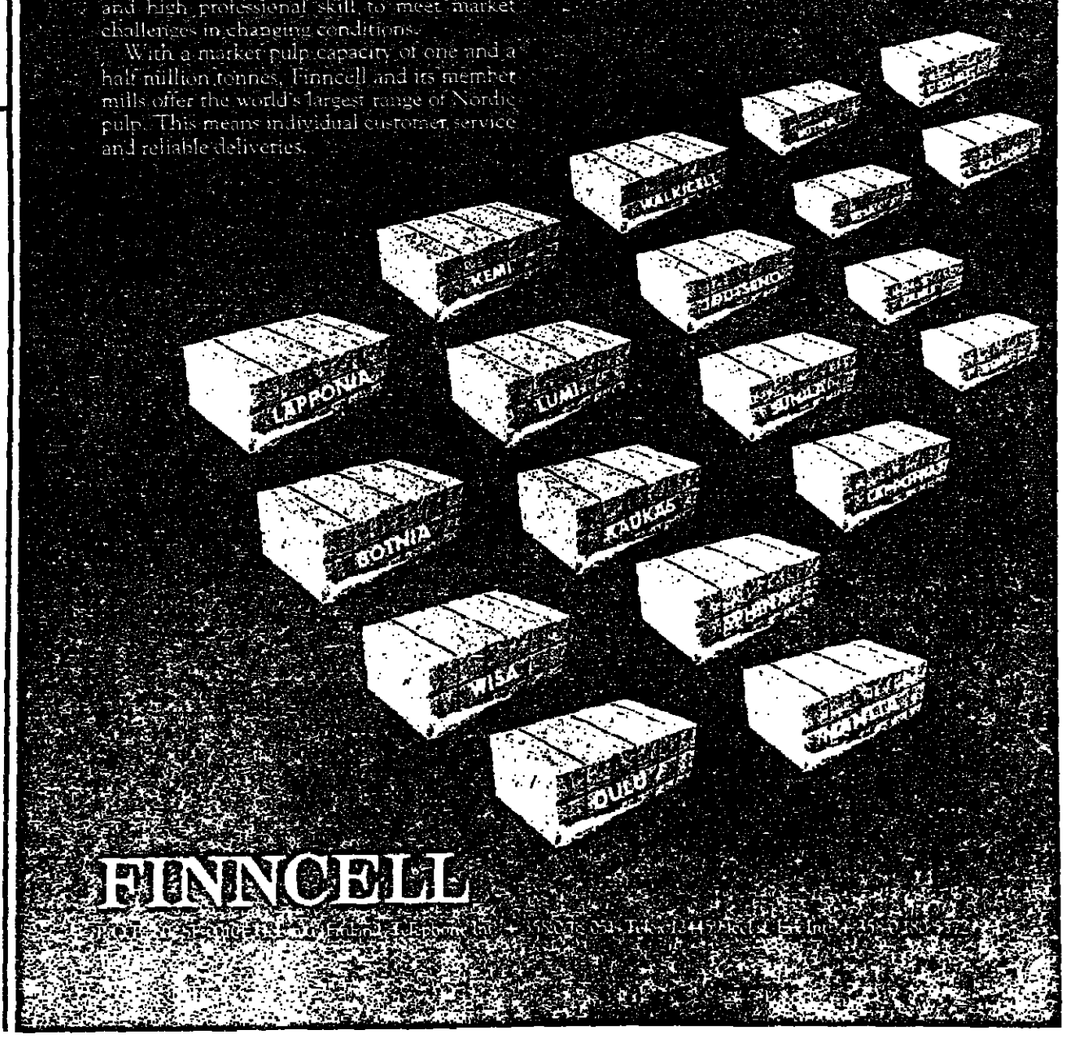
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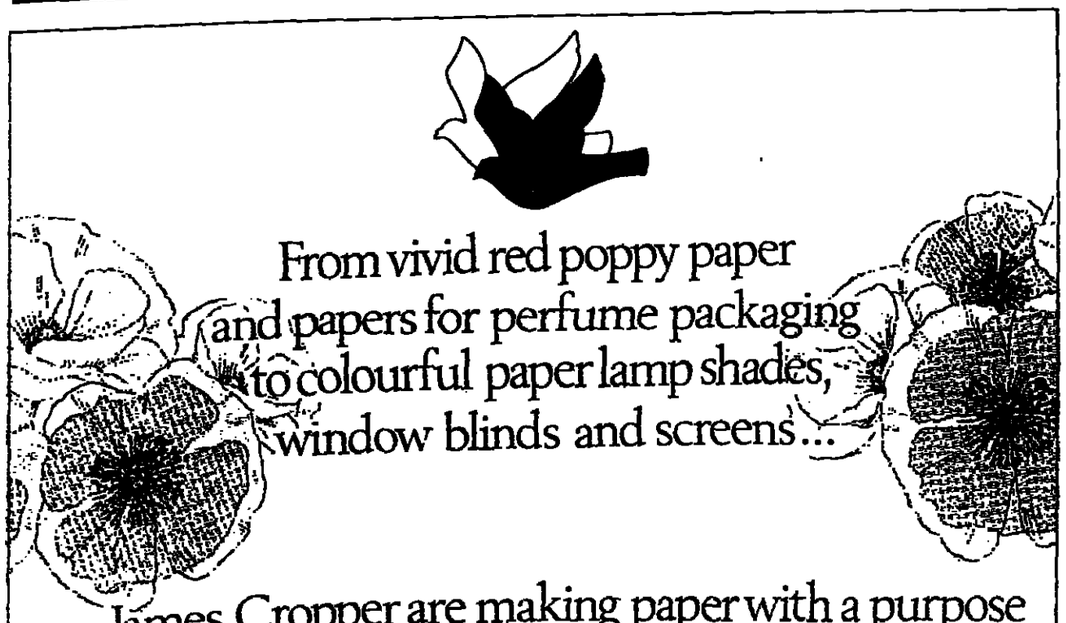
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Fears over fuel price policy

Despite slashing its own energy costs, the industry is threatened with increased prices

Papermaking is a classic case of how an industry that is a heavy user of energy can slash its power consumption and step up its output, but still suffer from high energy costs. In 1980, for every tonne of paper or board produced, 290 therms of energy were used. This figure dropped steadily during the early 1980s to 257 in 1982 and to 203 in 1986. Last year it was 199. The figures are likely to show a continuing improvement this year.

At present, energy accounts for 15 per cent of the industry's costs and in the past year signs were emerging that such costs were starting to level out to much the same as the industry's European competitors paid. However, since then we have had the privatization of British Gas, and the privatization of the electricity supply industry is on the horizon.

The gas privatization was not something the industry generally welcomed. The philosophy and concept were very acceptable, but British Gas policy is to charge companies differently, based on assumption of usage, and the result is a price increase.

The price of gas used for steam boilers is generally much higher than that used in a gas turbine, and the industry says this has made its gas costs 50 per cent higher than those of its European competitors.

Some in the paper industry pay 34.2p a therm for gas, while in Italy similar users can get it for 18.7p.

As a result, the industry is now co-operating with and supporting the present Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into pricing. The industry pressed for an investigation into gas pricing through the Energy Intensive Users Group (EIUG) and representations have also been made to the European Community Competitions Directorate.

The EIUG has formally asked the European Community to start procedures to establish that the Treaty of Rome has been breached.

The British Paper and Board Industry Federation claimed that great strides have been made in energy efficiency in the paper and board industry during the past decade and it is a great pity that these investments have so often been nullified, or at any rate greatly reduced, by the insensitive and unrealistic policies on the supply and pricing of gas and electricity.

The industry has equal reservations about the effect of privatization on its electricity prices, though in theory this should make it easier for many companies to return to generating their power themselves, using gas turbine equipment.

Many companies at one time used coal to produce their power, but now that they will have a fairer chance to sell off any excess power produced to other local users some are again looking at this option.

However, initially the federation is concerned about the pricing effects. Alan Marriott, the federation's technical director, said: "Energy is an important material in paper and board manufacture and a major cost component, on average representing around 15 per cent of manufacturing costs and in some cases 30 per cent, with electricity having about half of this.

Learning from the gas mistakes

"Consequently, while the industry has been highly successful in improving its energy efficiency — having been in the forefront of the Department of Energy's energy efficiency campaign and achieving 28 per cent improvement in energy efficiency in real terms over the past six years — any increase in electricity prices or changes in supply conditions will have a significant impact on paper and board making costs.

"In today's highly competitive markets such increased costs could not be recovered through higher selling prices with the consequent effects on profits, future investement and employment."

The industry has told the Commons Energy Select Committee that a privatized industry should be regulated so that there is genuine *competition*.

The federation has also called for the privatizing of the industry to encourage the use of more combined heat and power plants utilizing gas turbines.

However, at this stage the industry is more concerned with the recent price increases brought in so that the electricity industry can meet new financial targets imposed by the Government in the run up to its privatization.

The federation has told Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, that these price increases do not appear to have any commercial justification and that the net rates of return set by the Government for the industry are too high when related to many companies in the private sector.

"In the private sector it would be considered totally unacceptable to increase prices to existing customers to fund investment required to meet the needs of future customers.



Under attack: Cecil Parkinson's electricity privatization prices

"In terms of international *competitiveness of electricity prices*, it is acknowledged that, partly as a result of this Government's efforts, prices to UK manufacturing industry are now generally on a par with those in most EEC countries.

"It is therefore considered most important that arbitrary price increases are not introduced, thus negating the years of effort put into achieving this parity."

David Young
Energy Correspondent

The battle to make Britain competitive

By Don Attwood

Low costs in papermaking depend on modern technology and cheap raw materials. In northern Europe, the climate means that trees grow more slowly than in tropical countries such as Brazil and wood, the most important papermaking raw material, is correspondingly expensive. Paper and board are traded internationally, so products from one country must compete with those from another.

In the UK there is little wood available for papermaking, but our indigenous raw materials include waste paper, china clay and chalk.

In several European countries, including Britain, past constraints on investment in new machinery and techniques, coupled with the lack of abundant low-cost wood, results in higher costs.

It is against this backcloth of the need to use raw materials more efficiently and to introduce new technology that the Paper Industry Research Association (Pira) research programme is planned.

Low-cost production in modern integrated mills, with associated economies of scale, are becoming increasingly *important for success. The main* areas of cost reduction, in addition to economies of scale and efficient production facilities, are raw materials — wood and hence pulp — and in some cases energy.

Flexibility to meet specific customer requirements and the capability to produce small quantity orders will continue to be important to the smaller producers of high quality papers.

In the commodity grades, where international competition is fierce, large integrated production units are the only solution.

The paper industry is usually found where cheap wood is *available. Today this is in* regions with fast-growing plantations of which Brazil and the Iberian peninsular are good examples. Eucalyptus pulp from these countries is now supplied in large quantities. Pira's research is helping UK paper-makers make the best use of these pulps.

Making the best use of pulp

At the moment, eucalyptus pulp prices are rising faster than softwood prices. This may be a temporary aberration because from 1990 there is likely to be more eucalyptus pulp capacity. Some of this may never reach the market as there has been a trend towards non-integrated paper companies purchasing pulp mills.

Non-integrated producers, especially those without captive pulp mills, may be squeezed and forced to use alternative raw materials to chemical pulp. These replacements are likely to be CTMP, filler and waste paper. These are significantly different from chemical pulp in their properties and the properties they *impart* to the final product.

CTMP is in over supply and is likely to remain so until it finds more widespread use in printings, writings or tissues.

The problems with waste paper arise because it is not an homogenous raw material. Processing must be robust enough to guarantee that the dispersed fibres reaching the machine are consistent over a long period when incoming raw materials may vary.

Some of the problems can be overcome by burying the waste paper in the middle of a multilayer sheet. Even when this is possible it will still be necessary to improve the operation of cleaning and de-inking plant. Pira's de-inking project addresses one of these topics, but in the longer term we should consider how to better control of the cleaning *and de-inking plant operation.*

A knowledge gap is developing

Pira has developed an expertise relating pulp properties to the process chemistry and its control. A gap in knowledge is now developing in terms of wet pressability and calendering which may need to be filled. Companies are already starting to relate fibre properties to end user needs and this could lead to tailor-made pulps from individual mills for specific markets.

Because of the high investment costs papermakers seldom take risks on totally new technology. The technology which is applied tends to be an evolution rather than a revolution. For commodity grade papers, the emphasis will be on increased speed rather than on wider machines. For speciality grades control and consistent product quality will be the overriding factor.

The area in which the greatest advances are possible is in surface applied chemicals. Papers with specialist properties could be manufactured by the appropriate application of chemicals

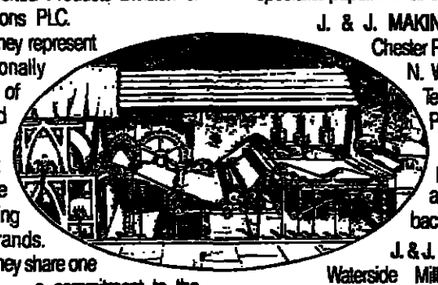
The UK must continue its investment in technology and capitalize in its indigenous raw materials. The UK's competitors invest highly in research and to compete the UK will have to maintain and/or increase its research spending.

The author is director of the Paper and Board Division of Pira, and also is president of Eucepa, the European grouping of technical associations, which is holding its 23rd conference in Harrogate this week.

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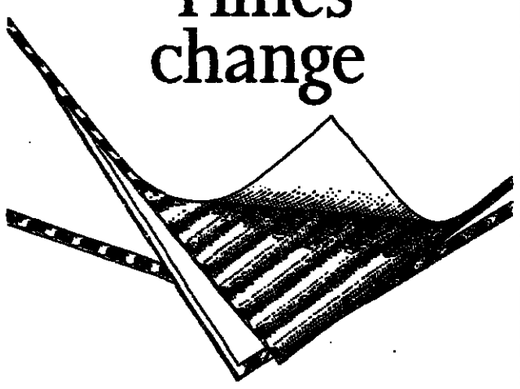
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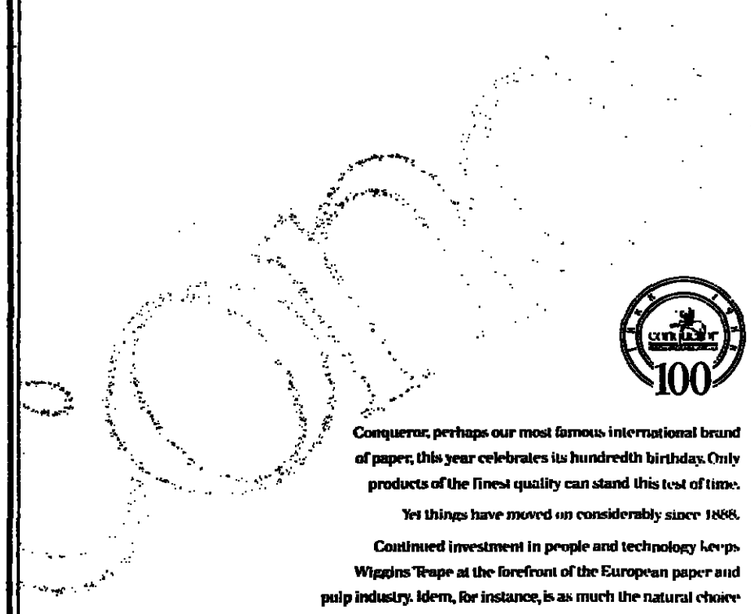


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Factories hungry for forests

The nation's forests, badly battered in the South-East by last October's storm, are coming under increasing and sustained pressure from a paper and board industry hungry for raw material.

Buoyed up by five successive years of growth, and the prospect of more to come, mills are having to scour the country for supplies of native softwoods and hardwoods.

Oddly enough, the bad times of 1980-81 could have led to the revival of the British wood pulp industry, with the availability of timber attracting investments.

The interest that the forest-rich Scandinavians, particularly the Finns, have shown in setting up large operations based on home-grown British timber, is admittedly a sign that Britain's past investments in trees were not wasted, but will also heighten the competition for domestic timber.

Thames Board, sited, in spite of its name, at Workington on the Cumbrian coast, was a purpose-built mill to take advantage of forest stocks in the North-West. It is now Swedish-owned but has its origins in timber-poor Essex.

The Workington mill, which uses 250,000 tonnes of British timber, still manages to buy the bulk of its supplies within a radius of 70 to 80 miles. But to meet the demand of its trebled capacity, it is forced to haul some of its wood from as far as Scotland.

Marketing director Ron Gleed is, however, concerned that supply will become tighter as the big new mills come on stream, and other users of timber enter the market.

The Finnish-owned Shotton, now consuming 450,000 tonnes of softwood every year, will need 600,000 tonnes when its second plant comes on stream. Caledonian, another big integrated mill the Finns are building, will require about 400,000 tonnes from next year.

By comparison, the needs of many British mills are modest, but their leverage on a tighter timber market will be correspondingly smaller than that of the big players.

John Goodwin, managing director of St Regis Paper in Gwent, can afford to take a different view of the forests, as his board mill uses a large amount of hardwoods — 150,000 to 160,000 tonnes of everything from beech and birch to oak and apple.

As chairman of the industry committee that looked into the damage following the October storm, he acknowledges that there was a welcome surge in timber supplies, thanks to the freak weather.

But, as his committee has recommended to the Government, there is an urgent need to get the fallen and damaged trees cut and moved — otherwise they will soon lose much of their economic value.

The problem is that a storm-torn forest is costly to fell and the landowner stands to gain no more than having the damage cleared ready for new planting.

Mr Goodwin favours a transport subsidy and planting assistance as a way of helping to restore the gaps in the South-East's stands of timber. The damage was not insignificant. In the areas hit, four million cubic metres were downed, equivalent to four years' supply of hardwood and one year's supply of softwood.

While the decline of the mining industry, and the timber pit prop, released a great deal of timber, the powerful anti-forest lobby has fought hard against the planting of large new forests, especially of "foreign" softwoods.

Welcome news for the paper industry came last month when the Forestry Commission chairman, Sir David Montgomery, disclosed that the Government was committed to 33,000 hectares of new planting a year.

Clearly, the vigorous and effective lobbying against the companies operating tax-break conifer plantations for the wealthy was successful, obliging the Chancellor to close this particular loophole.

But the main thrust of government forestry policy remained intact. Bigger grants for hardwood and softwood planting are available, though conifers will be virtually banned in upland England.

The British Paper and Board Association believes the better times for domestic wood pulp production will underline the importance of the Government taking a long-term view of forestry and continuing to encourage its development.

Britain's forests meet less than 10 per cent of the country's need for timber. One spur to greater planting will come from the unavoidable reform of the European Community's agricultural policy. Farmers will be increasingly directed away from over-producing on marginal land. Trees are still too long-term a crop for most farmers, but perceptions could change.

There is no doubt that the 50 to 75 per cent increases in planting grants and the 150 per cent increase in large-scale conifer planting could help to bend a few minds.

With the tax break for the rich gone, a new class of investor in forests is likely to emerge. The sector's analysts are looking at the wood-processing industry.

Colin Narbrough



Michael Spicer, Minister for Energy, inspecting damage to trees in Kent caused by last October's gales

As part of the celebrations of Paper 500, the paper industry is planning a project for this autumn which aims to make school leavers aware of the career prospects in papermaking.

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The project is being handled by Peter Ingram of Paper Management Services (09277 61116). Hutchinson Educational, publishers, are dealing with the educational side of the scheme and have commissioned Cliff Lines, author of some 60 school books, to produce the book manuscript.

Woodpulp imports ('000 tonnes air dry)

Country of origin	1967	1977	1985	1986	1987
Canada	154	423	304	358	343
Sweden	1096	578	270	280	302
Finland	530	192	221	220	230
United States	153	177	167	173	220
Portugal	—	90	162	189	189
Norway	445	159	84	66	74
Spain	—	10	66	94	128
Brazil	—	—	44	40	47
Other countries	44	45	130	170	149
Total	**2422**	**1674**	**1448**	**1590**	**1682**

Source: Customs and Excise

UK raw materials ('000 tonnes)

	1967	1977	1985	1986	1987
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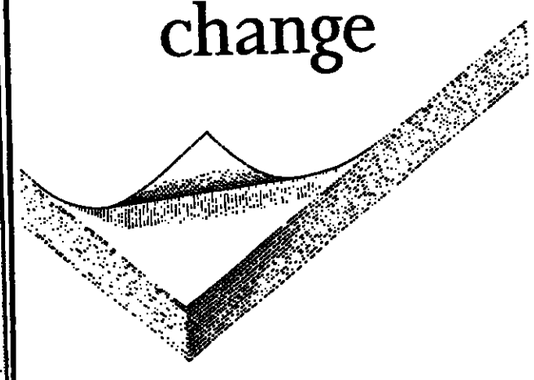
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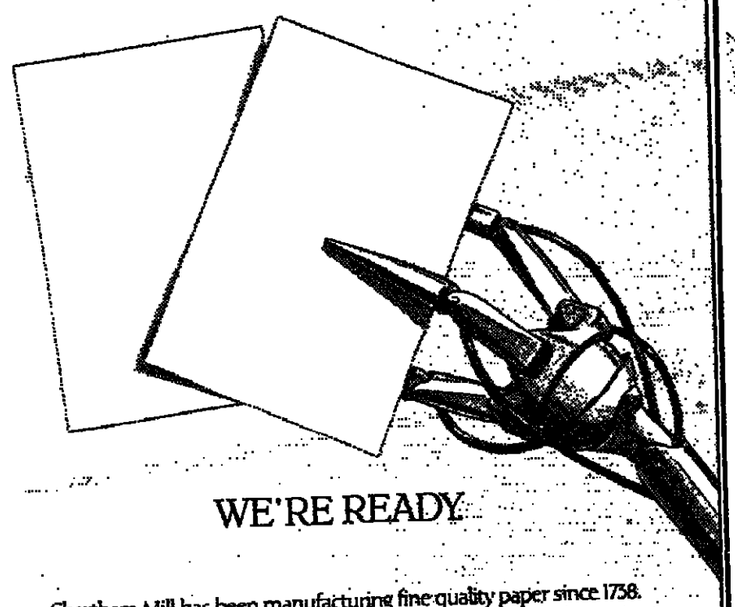
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Roger Dawe, at the MSC, finds that employers are realizing more and more the value of developing their human resources

The techno revolution makes training today a must for prosperity



The language of personnel advertising is familiar to us all, whether we are employers trying to recruit or individuals looking for new jobs. It is a language that develops with the labour market, gradually expanding its vocabulary and changing its style.

The word "training" is a case in point. Not so long ago, its use was largely confined to the familiar "no experience necessary, as training will be given". In future I believe that "training" and "development," are going to feature very strongly in personnel advertising at all levels, including technical and professional.

There are two reasons for this. **FIRST**, employers are becoming more committed to training and staff development, and will use them to attract better-quality recruits.

SECONDLY, job-seekers themselves will start to expect employers to offer such opportunities.

Both developments are the result of increased national understanding of the value of training for the success of business and for progress at work by the individual — something that the Manpower Services Commission has been seeking for many years. There is still a long way to go but we are now moving in the right direction.

The reason for this is the way new technology is changing the nature of jobs and the skills required in all occupations and industries. The typist must now master the word-processor, the accounts manager has replaced his ledgers with a desk-top computer, the engineering worker has had to learn new skills associated with computers and new machinery.

Such has been the all-pervasive impact and pace of technological change that in all jobs people are having to adapt. What is more, having experienced the need for change and the advantages of change, they are looking ahead and realizing that they will have to go on learning throughout their working lives.

This is especially true among young people. This year the Youth Training Scheme will offer more than half a million places, offering school-leavers the chance to increase their skills for work, and to work towards a vocational qualification. As these young people leave the programme and go into jobs they take with them first-hand knowledge of what carefully planned training can achieve. But they also have an expectation that they will continue to have the same opportunities to develop their skills throughout their working life.

So training is firmly on the national agenda. Unfortunately, it is often discussed only in the context of skill shortages, which is the "reactive" side of training — the concept of responding to a shortage by investing quickly in the development of sought-after skills.

Tackling skill shortages is important, but there is a pro-active side too. Employers are becoming increasingly aware that by developing their human resources they can do much more than respond to problems. They can improve their businesses and help them to grow. In the more successful companies, training is coming to be regarded as a vital investment in human resources and the key to business success and development, rather than some desirable, ill-defined benefit.

There is a growing understanding that training is the key both to achieve specific objectives — for example, to teach service staff to repair a new product — and to meet long-term business objectives, such as training staff to be more quality-conscious so that products become more reliable and a firm's image is enhanced.

To help us to promote such important messages, the MSC last year launched the National Training Awards competition, under which employers are asked to tell us about particular training programmes that have brought about tangible business benefits.

From the 1,143 entries the judges picked 60 winning firms large and small, from all sectors.

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Another winning company, in the engineering industry, set out to produce a workforce that was more flexible and multi-skilled, to tie in with major changes in its product line. As a result, quality was improved, the amount of scrap was reduced by a third, and the number of reject pieces fell by almost two-thirds.

These successful employers had discovered that, provided training was carefully planned and introduced with business goals in mind, it was extremely effective.

But what also emerged from the awards competition was that the winners benefited in unexpected ways. They told us that ownership of a National Training Award had improved their standing in the community, and one firm even noted a better standard of response to job advertisements. The firm in question had publicized its success and job-seekers had been attracted. We expect this year's National Training Awards competition will reveal similar stories of success through training.

But employers do not actually need to win awards before their training policies can help with recruitment. Just as a firm's reputation for good-quality products or staff welfare can increase its attractiveness to would-be employees, so in future will its training and management development policies.

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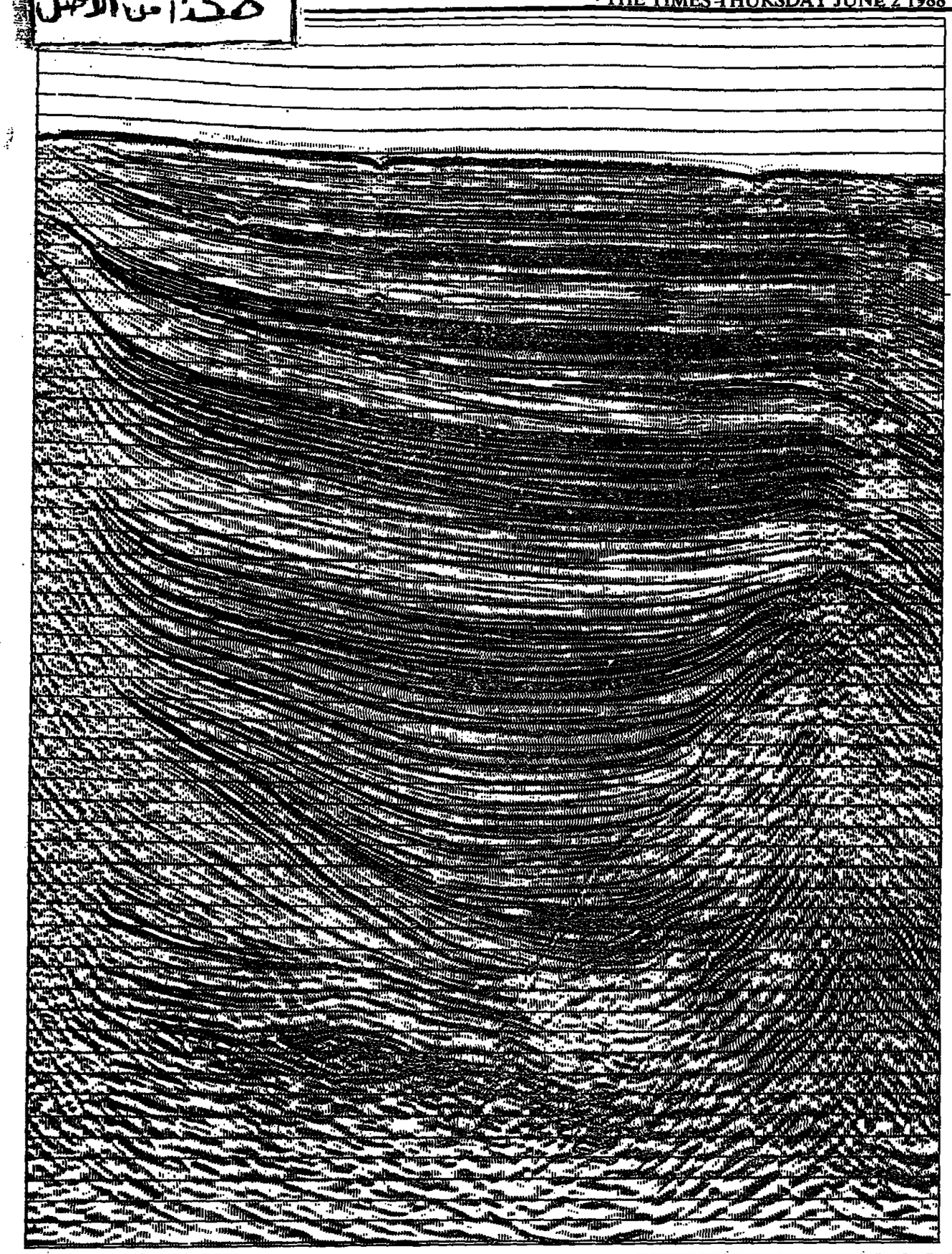
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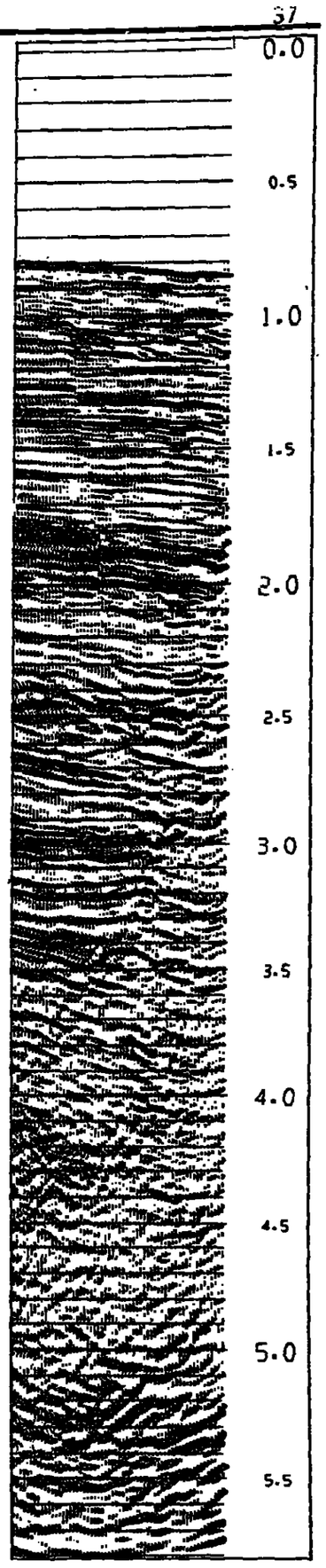
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Women are striking oil

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Sue Moore says: "The oil industry is a meritocracy with no discrimination directed at women. But a woman stands out more, specially offshore because she may be the only one, so if she does slip up everyone notices."

She is a 26-year-old reservoir engineer, provides clues to what it's like to be one of the growing band of young professional women building their career today in the oil world.

The work is well paid; the hours during spells of offshore work – which has a certain cachet among personnel – can be very long indeed (sometimes 36 or even 40 at a stretch); and the rewarding opportunities for promotion and specialization are competed for equally by men and women.

After maths, chemistry and physics A-levels, Sue graduated in chemical engineering from Cambridge. During the course she took a vacation job with another oil company, which gave her a taste of offshore work and process engineering.

Like many young entrants joining a major company as part of its graduate recruitment intake, she went to Mobil North Sea, via the campus milkround in 1984, and has been able to experience work in four departments: drilling, reservoir, production and facilities.

Sue chose reservoir engineering, and aims to continue *in this field long* enough to gain good technical grounding, after which she can choose between specialized training in either the technical area or supervisory, developing into managerial work. Both paths, she says, are equally attractive in promotion terms.

Now a reservoir engineer, Sue's job in the office entails dealing with considerable data, as one of a team working to get an engineering picture of how the reservoir is behaving and to decide between alternative recovery programmes.

A stage earlier comes the work of the geophysicist and geologist, who work closely together. The former interprets seismic surveys to provide information on rock structure, while the latter provides a geological map of the area, predicting rock strata to be drilled and the type of problems that will be encountered.

This is the job of Claire Savage, aged 25, a geologist who, like many people in the oil industry, thinks the most exciting *part is exploration.* "With a geophysicist we start looking at a particular area that we don't know much about, though we know what we expect to find there. This work leads to decisions about whether or not to drill."

Two things struck her about work in the North Sea: one was that most workers were *under 35. She* was also pleasantly surprised by offshore conditions where, as the only girl, she had her own room with bathroom. Entertainment includes darts and TV – via satellite – or videos in more remote regions. But work hours are long: 14 a day is normal and she has worked 36 hours non-stop.

Claire took a geology degree at Bristol – about a quarter of her fellow students were female – and followed this with a Masters degree in petroleum geology at Imperial College, from where she joined Mobil North Sea in 1985. She advises young women planning a career in oil to take a second degree to enhance their prospects, and would like to see more applying. "Women still have to be quite pushy, but as there are so few they are more noticed," she says.

Although professional women are greatly outnumbered by men, the proportion is steadily increasing. At Esso UK, 35 per cent of graduate recruits are now female, yet it is only 13 years since the company took on its first woman chemical engineer.

In the 1983 milkround BP's female intake was 12 per cent – this year it was nearly 30 per cent. Mobil's proportion of women has gone up by 7 per cent in two years. Today's "no discrimination" theme presents a clear contrast to 20 years ago, when British Petroleum advertised for young men to apply for university apprenticeships – and were interested to receive an application from Carla Watts.

Her initiative was rewarded: the company sponsored her on a Brunel sandwich course. Carla got her Bachelor of Technology degree and joined BP, working up through personnel and training up to her present role as explorations training manager.

Linda Hart admits that in the United States she was "a bit of a pioneer" *in oil* exploration. She graduated in petroleum engineering at Wyoming in 1969 and is now manager (engineering) in Texaco's North Sea exploration and production department. Although her 20 or so staff are male, ambitious young women in the company see Mrs Hart as a role model and are encouraged to find a woman in charge of a major department.

"Exploration is the glamorous area where risks are taken", she says. "Exploration and production is a speciality much in demand. Women choosing this sort of career need to be a little bit on the ball: it's a highly-competitive field – especially when you're the only woman on a course, as I sometimes was – so you've got to be competitive yourself."

Entrants may have qualified in theology, music or archaeology, *but can still* be absorbed into areas like marketing, finance, personnel or planning. For instance, a music graduate was recently recruited for BP's computer system – because there's a shortage of computer graduates.

There are also careers for non-graduates. Shell and BP are *among* companies featuring, in their brochures, staff with A-levels or the Higher National Certificate or Diploma. (An HND in business studies can lead to good openings and opportunities). Some have graduated later, like Gillian ter Kuile, an assistant chemist in absorption analysis with BP's research centre at Sunbury-on-Thames.

After three A-levels she began working for Glaxo, studying part-time for an HNC. But soon after joining BP she started to prepare for graduate membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and through this won promotion to her present job, examining the surface characteristics of many materials. Gillian, in her late 20s and producing a paper for publication, advises sixth-formers to go for a degree, preferably a sandwich course.

Many people I talked with knew of *women who are forging ahead*, such as Kate Daly, a *BP drilling* supervisor in the North Sea, whose career has included four months on a drillship off the Ivory Coast, with 100 American crewmen; or two young women working on research and development at a refinery, for whom management opportunities are opening up.

In the spring issue of *Woman & Training News*, Robin Schneider, employee relations adviser at Esso Petroleum, describes the stages through which an Equal Opportunities policy has gradually been achieved by his company, with support from the Industrial Society and awareness seminars for all employees.

Esso has now introduced family-related career breaks for both men and women, of up to five years. Moving in the same direction, BP allows up to two years for each *child – there's a limit*, though! This, too, applies to both genders.

Margaret Orchard, BP's group recruitment manager, joined the company as a modern languages graduate and has been in administration, marketing and personnel, showing the variety of careers a person can pursue in one organization.

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The Annual General Court of the Schools will be held at Reed's School, Cobham, at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 16th June 1988 to receive the Annual Report, to approve the accounts and to transact any other formal business. Subscribers who wish to attend may obtain tickets from the Secretary, Reed's School, Sandy Lane, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2ES. (Tel. Cobham 03932 68580).

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF ON-LINE TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of June 1988, to send in their full Christian and Surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, Richard Jeremy Hyams Chartered Accountant of Laurence Gerrard & Co., Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU the Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 23rd day of May 1988
R J Hyams - Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

Barker-Greene England Limited (In Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Angel Hotel, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds on the 13th day of June 1988 at 11 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.
A creditor is entitled to vote at this meeting only if:
(a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receiver, Mr P R Sykes of Binder Hamlyn, 8 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4DA not later than 12 noon on the 10th day of June 1988 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above named company, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purposes of entitlement to vote, and
(b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R SYKES -
Joint Administrative Receiver

Company Number: 2123578
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION
(Pursuant to Section 84, Insolvency Act 1986 and Section 380, Companies Act 1985)
ON-LINE TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED
Passed 10th May 1988
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU, on the tenth day of May 1988, the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution was duly passed, viz:
RESOLUTION
That it has been proved to satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Richard Jeremy Hyams, FCA, of Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.
B D Hallows - Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
NO. 254 OF 1988
JYOTSNA BIPINCHANDRA PATEL (MARRIED WOMAN) of 68 Brixton Road, London SW9, occupation unknown and lately residing at 74 Brixton Road, London SW9, c. Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA gives notice that I was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the above-named on May 1988. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
Dated this 26th day of May 1988
R HOCKING - Trustee

Notice of appointment of liquidator (Creditors)
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company number: 2123578. Name of company: On-Line Transport Services Limited. Previous name of company: Baldree Limited. Nature of business: transport contractors. Address of registered office: Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU. Liquidators name and address: Richard Jeremy Hyams FCA, Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU. Date of appointment: 10th May 1988. By whom appointed: Members & Creditors.
Dated: 23rd May 1988
R J Hyams FCA, Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 002032 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF MALAYALAM PLANTATIONS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 17th May 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £2,718,051.80 to £947,331.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 13th day of June 1988.
Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said Reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 20th day of May 1988
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St Paul's Churchyard
LONDON EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above named Company

RE CABLE VISION (SOUTHALL) LIMITED. BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 14TH DAY OF MAY 1988, NEVILLE REGLEY, F.C.A. OF MIDLAND BANK CHAMBERS, 62 HIGH STREET, MARCH, CAMBS. PE15 9LF HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY WITHOUT A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
DATED 27TH MAY 1988

YOUR MOVE LIMITED
HIGH COURT NO. 5775 OF 1987
I, Terence Charles Carter, hereby give notice that on the 19th day of January 1988, I was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, are required on or before 31 July 1988 to send their names and addresses with particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned Terence Charles Carter of Ernst & Whinney, Bentel House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, the Liquidator of the company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, by their solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or on default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 25th day of May 1988
T C Carter FCA - LIQUIDATOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 002027 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF DPCE HOLDINGS public limited company
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd May 1988 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £5,000,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 31st May 1988.
Dated this 2nd day of June 1988
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YACHTING: THE WEYMOUTH TRIALS ARE EXPECTED TO UNDERLINE THE STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH CHALLENGE FOR MEDALS IN KOREA

Pusan candidates have to prove their mettle

By Barry Pickthall

With 14 gold medals, six silver and five bronze to its credit, yachting has long been one of Britain's strongest Olympic sports. This year, in South Korea, our sailors expect to add to this tally, scooping up as many as four of the seven gold medals on offer.

The seven days of trials, sponsored by the National Westminster Bank, which start at Weymouth on Saturday, will see 120 crews putting four years of dedicated preparation to the test, prior to the selection of seven of the eight teams to represent Britain at the Olympic regatta in the tricky waters of Pusan, some 250 miles south-west of Seoul.

One crew has already won selection. Peter de Savary's former America's Cup skipper, Lawrie Smith, and Ed Leask and Jerry Richards won their tickets to Korea after finishing sixth in the Soling keelboat class at the Dutch pre-Olympic regatta at Spa last weekend, after a close tussle with Glyn Charles and his crew in the two-regatta trial that began with the European championship in Italy last month.

John Reid, the racing manager at the Royal Yachting Association, is convinced that the team selected to join Smith and his crew will be the strongest for many years. "Our showing at international regattas during the past 12 months has been excellent and for the first time the Olympic squad has quality in depth and is not reliant on one or two outstanding sailors," he said.

This is certainly the case in the Finn singlehander and 470 classes. Nigel Buckley and Peter Newlands, the newly-crowned 470 world champions are the men to beat but are certainly not assured of an easy passage through the trials. The same applies to Stewart Childerley, the Finn champion, who won six international events last year but now faces a strong challenge from three other top sailors.

The former women's world champion, Cathy Foster, is now teamed with Jackie Patton and they are also leading medal prospects, having already won gold medals, along with Childerley and Buckley and Newlands at the pre-Olympic regatta in Pusan last year.

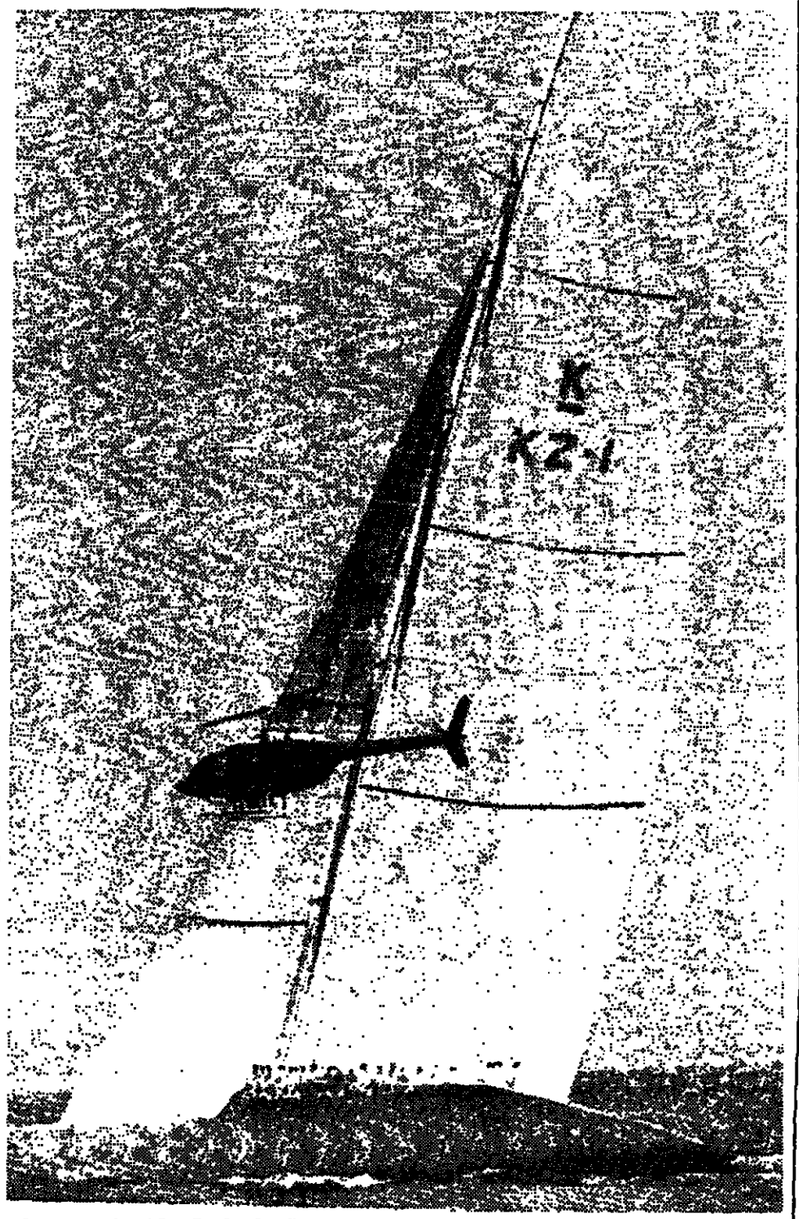
The British were one of the few teams to master the complex conditions at this event, timed to coincide with the equinox, when competitors had to contend with strong tides and heavy and wildly shifting winds.

"In many ways, it was just like racing in home waters, which explains why we have such a strong foreign entry to this year's Weymouth Olympic Week," Reid said. "Everyone wants to test themselves out against our top crews," which can only be taken as a compliment to British chances later this year.

Unlike other teams, who will be shipping their craft by sea and losing valuable sailing time as a result, the British have chosen to airfreight all their boats to South Korea at the last moment, to allow crews the longest possible time to tune and practice at home.

"We now know the conditions at Pusan and believe it is better to invest the time here improving boat speed," Reid explained yesterday.

Another concern was the staple fare available in South Korea which caused a large number of upsets during the pre-Olympic event. But this problem has been solved by Tesco, the supermarket chain, which has promised to provide all the food required for the British sailing squad.



Under scrutiny: New Zealand is filmed by a television news crew during trials off San Diego

CLASS-BY-CLASS ANALYSIS OF BRITISH PROSPECTS

Star

The Star two-man keelboat has never enjoyed a strong following in British waters, despite being the oldest and perhaps most competitive of the Olympic classes. However, two crews, David Howlett, with Paul "Jabber" Rushant, and Mike McIntyre, with Bryanne Vaile, are making a late challenge to unseat two experients, Iain Woodward and his crewman, John Maddocks, from representing Britain for a second time.

Men's 470

Nigel Buckley and Peter Newlands are the present world champions who also won the pre-Olympic regatta at Pusan last year. The pair, who put up an indifferent performance at the French pre-Olympic event at Hyeres three weeks ago, when testing a new boat and equipment, are devastating in strong winds, but can expect strong competition in the trials from Mike Holmes, Ossie Stewart and Jason Belben.

Tornado

Britain have been at the forefront of this two-man catamaran class ever since its introduction to the Olympics in 1976. Rob White and Jeremy Newman, who were just pipped to a medal at the last Games, remain the strongest contenders but have failed to regain top form since winning the world championship in Bermuda three years ago. Their strongest test this week will come from Reg White, crewed by Stephen Ollis, Chris Brewer and Mark Braithwaite.



Foster: Pre-Olympic winner



Pattisson: new challenge

Soling

Lawrie Smith teamed up with Ed Leask and Jerry Richards, Chris Law's former Olympic keelboat crew, earlier this year and won selection to the British team last weekend after finishing sixth overall at the Dutch pre-Olympic regatta. The three now embark on a comprehensive preparation programme that will take in two events in Italy leading up to the North American championship in September, which is held in Chicago a week before the Olympics. Glyn Charles and his crew, who were beaten in the trials, are expected to work with Smith towards improving boat speed for the event in September.

Flying Dutchman

Rodney Pattisson, the triple Olympic medal winner, sailing this year with Jonathan Clark, has dusted four years of cobwebs off his boat to test out the latest young blood in the class that brought him to the fore. Their greatest competition will come from Jon Turner and Peter Allam – who were deprived of silver medals at Pusan last year when the Soviet crew capsized on top of them – if the pair can master a new boat built for these trials. Another strong contender is Roger Yeoman with crewman Niel McDonald, who have also recorded steady performances at international regattas this year.

Women's 470

Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton, the gold medal winners at Pusan last year, finished third at Hyeres last month and can normally be relied on to pull out the stops on the big occasions. However, two other women's crews, Jarvis and Hay and Hedgecock and Rushall, will also press the leading pair throughout the trials.

Finn

Last year Stuart Childerley was the man to beat. The winner of six international events, he looked a certain bet for a gold medal this year until hit by a disastrous loss of form early this season. Two weeks ago, some of that confidence returned when the former Laser sailor finished third at the trails for West German, Danish and Swedish places held at Kiel. He can expect strong competition from Tim Tavinor, who finished third at Hyeres, and Lawrence Crispin, who was second at the recent Danish pre-Olympic regatta.

Div II Sailboard

Perhaps it is the better weather experienced in the Mediterranean and California, but Britain's boardsailors have always lagged behind the top Europeans and Americans. The past three years has seen a steady improvement in positions but medals still appear to be a long way off. Top British contenders are Steve Blake, Willie Banham, Simon Goody and Barry Edgington.

Expense no object for challengers

San Diego (Reuter) – The New Zealand financier, Michael Fay, says that if the San Diego Yacht Club is ordered to build a single-hull boat, which delays the America's Cup until 1989, his syndicate may build a new boat of its own.

A New York judge has yet to decide whether San Diego can defend in a catamaran against Fay's monohull. But Judge Carmen Ciparick has hinted that if she rules against the catamaran, she may give the holders more time to build a monohull. At the moment the races are scheduled for September.

"We can race until November 1 and that's not a problem for us," Fay told reporters who gathered to watch his sloop's maiden voyage in American waters. He added that if the contest was put back further he would consider building a new boat as a way of "equalizing things again."

He said: "If the match goes to May, 1989, then the defender would have had 15 months to build his boat, not since he got a notice of challenge, but since he saw the challenging yacht. We've had the possibility of a new boat in mind for quite some time and it's on the option list."

The New Zealand was an impressive sight on her four-hour voyage as she reached a top speed of around 12 knots in winds estimated at 10-15 knots. "We're quite happy. We went out to try to measure the amount of load on different parts of the boat and everything was okay," Rod Davis, sailmaster for the New Zealand challenge, commented.

He said conditions were a bit rougher than anything experienced off Auckland, during a month of practice, and there was one minor problem when a jib sail partially ripped as it was being raised but "we expect those sort of things after a month off."

BADMINTON

Sponsors the key to closing the gap

From Richard Eaton
Kuala Lumpur

Paul Whetnall, the England manager, yesterday added his voice to the growing band worried about the way in which Asia is dominating an increasingly lucrative and developing game.

Whetnall urged the International Badminton Federation (IBF) to change the balance of power, partly because the four leading nations are now all Asian and also because he supports the concern of Tom Marrs, the Badminton Association of England's events director, who recently criticized the IBF for the concentration of big tournaments in one area of the globe.

"What's happened here in Kuala Lumpur is a warning not only to players, but officials and organizers as well," Whetnall said, after watching perhaps the most exciting match the world team championships have seen, when Malaysia came from 0-2 down to beat the second-seeded Indonesians 3-2.

"The gap between us and the Asians is widening and our decline will go further and further if we are not careful," Whetnall said. "This is serious not only for us but for badminton as a whole.

"When we play in the Far East it costs us a lot of money in travel and the conditions are against us, so we are always up against it. Nearly all the top events are in this part of the world and whilst we understand the IBF's problems they must try to spread them around."

When Marrs made similar criticisms last year, Craig Reedie, the IBF vice-president in charge of badminton's commercial development, replied that European nations had to make a bigger effort to acquire sponsorships.

Since then a sponsorship from Yonex has made the All-England Championships the first five-star tournament in the world, while England's motion to the IBF's annual meeting that the federation should try to spread events wider was carried unanimously.

"The fact that the meeting carried that motion will make it easier for us to take the game around the world," Reedie commented yesterday. "The problem is it is almost impossible to get the same level of sponsorship or crowds in Europe."

Meanwhile, Tom Bacher, chairman of the IBF's open badminton committee, expressed his optimism about the future of the game. The prize-money level in world grand prix tournaments has now passed $1 million and major events are likely to be added to the calendar in South Korea and Singapore next year.

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Failure to assign fatal to claim

Audsley and Another v Leeds City Council and Another
Before Judge Herrod, QC
[Judgment May 6]

The failure by a house-owner, who had engaged a builder to erect an extension, to assign the right to sue for negligence, albeit that he was unaware of any fault in the building work, was fatal to an otherwise good claim against the builder by a subsequent owner for negligent work.

Judge Herrod, QC, sitting in Leeds as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in dismissing a claim by Mr Brian Audsley and his wife Mrs Rosalie Teresa Audsley, for damages for loss and inconvenience caused by alleged negligence and/or breach of statutory duty by the first defendants, Leeds City Council or the second defendant, a builder, Mr Ernest Tate, during the construction of an extension at 40 Beckett's Park Drive, Leeds.

Mr Roderick Doggett for the plaintiffs; Mr Patrick Walker for the council; Mr Michael R. Taylor for the builder.

HIS LORDSHIP said the plaintiffs claimed damages for loss and inconvenience which they alleged were caused by the negligence and/or breach of statutory duty on the part of the council or the builder during the construction of an extension to a house which was carried out for their predecessor owners and which they subsequently bought.

The plaintiffs moved into the house in May 1978 and shortly afterwards they noticed a hair-line crack on the wall between the dining room and the kitchen at the point where the extension joined the original house.

They eventually consulted a structural engineer who said major reconstruction was necessary as there had been settlement of the foundations.

At that point it was discovered that a base of solid clay sufficient to withstand the load of the new extension was not found until a depth of three metres had been excavated. When the roof of the extension was stripped, it was found that the joists had moved dramatically and had been disturbed from their seatings to the extent that some were nearly at the edge of their supports.

Arising from those facts, the plaintiffs claimed damages for the cost of remedial works. Their case against the builder was that he had failed to note and respond to the ground conditions of the site once he began digging the trench for the foundations.

The case against the council was that their building inspector failed to direct the builder to dig deeper and that he allowed the builder to begin pouring the concrete foundations into the trench before he had dug through the infill.

His Lordship found that there was negligence by the builder and by the building inspector employed by the council and that the proportions were 75 per cent and 25 per cent respectively.

However, the negligence did not give rise to a cause of action against the council as the standard of care had to be related to the duty to be performed which in this case was under the Public Health Act 1936 (see *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728)) and therefore had to relate to safety and health which it did not here.

It therefore had to be considered whether the negligence gave rise to a cause of action against the builder. It was established law that the date of accrual of a cause of action for damage caused by negligent design or construction of a building was the date when the damage came into existence and not the date when the damage was discovered or with reasonable diligence should have been discovered (see *Pirelli General Cable Works Ltd v Oscar Faber & Partners* ([1983] 2 AC 1)).

Thus the plaintiffs did not have any right to sue for damages at the time the cause of action accrued since they had no proprietary interest in the property at that time. There was no assignment of the cause of action as it was doubtful whether the owner who had the extension built ever appreciated that he had a cause of action.

That gave rise to the question whether the builder was entitled to rely on the lack of assignment as the matter was not specifically pleaded. Counsel for the builder frankly admitted that that point had not occurred to him until the last minute.

The point was taken on behalf of the plaintiffs that it was not in order for him to rely on it because it had not been pleaded. The response to that was that there was no need for it to be pleaded as it was a point of law and as such could be raised at any time.

There could be no doubt that if the plaintiffs had been relying on the assignment as founding their right of action then the facts of the assignment would have been an essential point of their pleadings. However, his Lordship did not believe the opposite applied.

The Rules of the Supreme Court provided by Order 18, rule 7 that a party did not have to plead any fact if the burden of disproving it lay on the other party and it seemed to his Lordship that that was apposite here.

Accordingly, the builder was entitled to rely on the lack of assignment as being a bar to the plaintiffs' cause of action against him.

Solicitors: Willey Hargrave, Leeds; Hammond Suddards, Bradford; Ford & Warren, Leeds.

Considering report is sufficient

Regina v Secretary of State for Education and Science, Ex parte Threapleton
Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Hutchison
[Judgment May 12]

A report by a council sub-committee which was considered but not adopted by the education committee was sufficient to satisfy the requirements of paragraph 7 in Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by Eric Threapleton of a proposal and the publication of the notice of the proposal by Bedfordshire County Council and approval of that proposal by the secretary of state.

Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 7, provides: "Every local education authority shall consider a report from an education committee of the authority before exercising any of their functions with respect to education . . .".

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr Richard Allfrey for Mr Threapleton; Miss Presiley Baxendale for the secretary of state; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard McManus for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that falling school rolls in Bedford had resulted in the local education authority presenting proposals to the secretary of state for the closure of schools and it was the approval by the secretary of state of the closure of Pilgrim Upper School that gave rise to this application.

Pilgrim School itself was not affected and was an extremely popular and successful school. It was always able to fill its places and had a waiting list.

A previous proposal to close the John Howard Upper School was rejected by the secretary of state because of its success as a multi-ethnic establishment, its excellent buildings and the strength of local opposition.

It was following that decision that the education committee set up a sub-committee to examine the various options to deal with the falling school rolls.

The education authority published a consultation paper in October 1986 which proposed the closure of the John Howard and Pilgrim Schools and the establishment of a new school on either of those sites.

The sub-committee's report recorded that the majority of the representations received ad expressed opposition to the closure of the Pilgrim School and argued if the merger was to take place the new school should be established on the Pilgrim site.

The education committee considered the sub-committee's report and a petition of 8,000 signatures opposing the closure of the Pilgrim School and proposing that any merger should take place on the Pilgrim site.

However, a majority of one of the education committee passed a recommendation that the new school should be sited on the John Howard School.

Mr Wood argued on behalf of the parents that there was no report as required by paragraph 7 in Part II of Schedule 1 to the 1944 Act.

However, his Lordship felt that the report by the sub-committee which was considered but not adopted by the education committee was sufficient to constitute a report by the education committee for the purposes of paragraph 7.

That was because it must have been obvious to the authority that, while the education committee accepted in broad terms the considerations in favour of the closure of both schools set out in the sub-committee's report, it was in disagreement with the sub-committee as to the siting of the new school.

Mr Justice Hutchison delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Peter Liell, Oxford; Treasury Solicitor; Mr R. C. Wilkinson, Bedford.

Adoption of report brings it within Act

Regina v Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Nichol and Others
Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Taylor and Sir George Waller
[Judgment May 13]

Where a director of education made a report which the education committee adopted and submitted to the council, although the director's recommendation itself did not amount to a formal report, the adoption by the committee was sufficient to make it a formal report so as to comply with the requirements of paragraph 7 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council against the decision of Mr Justice McCowan on May 15, 1987 who granted judicial review to the three applicants who were parents of children of an age who would be affected by a scheme prepared by the council for the reorganization of secondary education in its area.

Paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944 provides: " Every local education authority shall consider a report from an education committee of the authority before exercising any of their functions with respect to education: provided that an authority may dispense with such a report if, in their opinion, the matter is urgent or has been sufficiently considered or reported upon by a divisional executive . . . ".

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr John Steel for Gateshead; Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Richard Allfrey for the parents.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that the falling birth-rate of the 1970s reduced the number of children coming on to the school roll and the fall in numbers would mean it would not be possible to recruit a viable sixth form in the 15 schools in the area.

On February 17, 1983 the education committee resolved in minute 1541 to prepare for consideration reports on two alternative strategies or a combination of both. At its meeting on March 4, 1983 the council considered that minute and resolved to confirm it.

A second report was prepared and was considered by the education committee on January 9, 1984 and in minute 1557 it resolved to accept in principle option (b). That provided for the establishment of an appropriate number of 11-16 schools, with all sixth forms to go to a tertiary stage.

The council published its proposals pursuant to section 12 of the Education Act 1980 on January 30, 1986 and submitted them to the secretary of state. The decision to publish was taken on January 10.

On April 9, 1986 the three parents applied for judicial review. The case was heard by Mr Justice McCowan who found in favour of the parents.

The judge had found the present case fell fairly and squarely within *R v Kirkleess Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Molloy (The Times* August 17, 1987; (1988) 86 LGR 115). There it was held that a bare recommendation from an education committee was not sufficient to constitute a report from that committee for the purpose of satisfying paragraph 7.

However, his Lordship found the present case was very different to *Molloy*. There was no suggestion in the present case that the council did not have a sufficient report.

The minute stated in terms that the reorganization of secondary education would take at least two years and that there would be further reports.

His Lordship had no doubt that consultation was a necessary part of any scheme involving closure or change of category of schools and its timing was an important matter.

Even if the decision made in February 1984 was to be regarded as a separate function it had to be looked at in the circumstances of this case.

The council had taken the decision for the preparation of the second report and the education committee referred the council back to that decision. The committee recommended that the prefered option (b) be agreed in principle.

It seemed to his Lordship that the committee was telling the council that it had considered the report which was itself before the council. That was more than a bare recommendation from the education committee and the requirements of paragraph 7 were satisfied.

Lord Justice Taylor and Sir George Waller delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr P. Parkes, Gateshead; Hextall Erskine & Co for Pearson & Caulfield, Newcastle.

British Gas not bound by equal treatment rule

Foster and Others v British Gas plc
Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Mann
[Judgment May 13]

The British Gas Corporation was not an organ or emanation of the State and accordingly was not bound by the equal treatment Directive (76/207/EEC) of the Council of Europe. It followed that female employees who had been required to retire at an earlier age than their male colleagues could not claim that they had been discriminated against unlawfully.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by Mrs Foster, Mrs Fulford-Brown, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Roby, Mrs Salloway and Mrs Sullivan from the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mr A. D. Scott) which had upheld the decision of a London industrial tribunal that they had not been unlawfully discriminated against on the ground of sex by their employers, British Gas Corporation.

Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr J. P. Cavanagh for the appellants; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Elizabeth Slade for British Gas.

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plaints had all been required to retire at 60 whereas their male colleagues were only required to do so at 65. The retirements took place before the gas industry was privatized and British Gas plc was accordingly only a party to the appeal as the successor to the liabilities of the corporation.

But for the effect of EEC law, the corporation's retirement policy was not unlawful. That was common ground. So was the fact that at the relevant time, the United Kingdom was in breach of its obligations as a member state in not having amended its domestic law to conform with the requirements of Council Directive (76/207/EEC). Such amendment would have rendered the corporation's differential retirement policy unlawful.

The issue in the appeal was therefore whether the corporation was an entity of a type which entitled its employees to rely directly on the Directive.

Similar problems had arisen in *Marshall v Southampton and South West Hampshire Health Authority (Teaching)* (Case No 152/84) (*The Times* February 27, 1986; [1986] QB 401) and *Johnston v Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary* (Case 222/84) (*The Times* May 16, 1986; [1987] QB 129). In those cases the Court of Justice of European Communities had [illegible] the claimant employees were entitled to rely on the Directive.

Prima facie Directives only gave rise to a duty that the member states should amend their national legislation. However, the European Court had developed a doctrine akin to estoppel that where a citizen sued a member state in the national court claiming that the state had caused him damage by acting contrary to the Directive, the state could not rely on its national law to defeat the claim if, in breach of its obligations to the EEC, it had failed to amend national law to conform with the Directive.

It was, however, otherwise if the defendant was a private citizen.

Accordingly, the question therefore arose as to what constituted the State and whether a nationalized industry such as the corporation could be included.

His Lordship said that was a mixed question of European and national law, the court looking at European law to determine what kind of bodies constituted the State for the purposes of an EEC estoppel, and at English law to decide whether any particular body could be "the State" as so defined.

His Lordship considered *Marshall*'s case and *Johnston*'s case and concluded that those decisions established, as a matter of European law, that the Directive gave rise to rights in employees of the State and any organ or emanation of the State, that phrase being understood to include an independent public authority charged by the State with the performance of any of the classic duties of the State, such as the defence of the realm or the maintenance of law and order.

Whether the corporation was within that category fell to be determined according to English law. It was common ground that its status was indistinguishable from that of the British Transport Commission which was considered by the Court of Appeal in *Tamlin v Hannaford* ([1950] 1 KB 18). Lord Justice Denning had held there that the commission was a public authority with undoubtedly public purposes but that it was not a government department and its powers did not fall within the province of government.

In His Lordship's judgment therefore the corporation was not such a body as, in accorance with European law, was bound by the Directive, and he would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Bruce Piper & Co; Mr C. E. H. Twiss.

Seeking study is not delegation

Simplex G E (Holdings) Ltd and Others v City and District of St Albans District Council
Simplex G E (Holdings) Ltd and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

A planning authority's decision to commission a study to consider future uses of land consistent with its green belt designation did not constitute a delegation of the authority's duties and powers under section 11(3)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 to make a final determination of planning policy and was not *ultra vires*, since the study was to investigate uses consistent with the designation which had already been decided and in no way derogated from it.

Where one of several reasons given for a decision was bad, the decision could stand only if the court were satisfied that the decision-making authority would have reached the same conclusion without regard to that reason.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Staughton and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) so held in a reserved judgment on May 6, dismissing an appeal from the refusal of Mr Justice Otton on July 29, 1987 of an application under section 244 of the 1971 Act to quash part of a local plan, and allowing an appeal from the judge's refusal of an application under section 245 to quash a decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment refusing the applicant outline planning permission.

RUGBY UNION: EVANS AND UNDERWOOD FIND POSSESSION IN SHORT SUPPLY AGAINST A STOUT INVITATION TEAM

England neglect to consolidate on an early advantage

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Adelaide

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Wasted opportunities, as Alan Jones told his 1984 Australians, do not return; England, though they scored more tries than in any of their previous four tour matches at the Hindmarsh Stadium here yesterday, neglected the chance to play the enterprising confident rugby that would have brought them a morale-boosting 50-point victory.

They won by five goals, a try and a penalty goal against a try, a penalty and a dropped goal. But having turned round leading 19-3 they should have run the South Australian Invitation XV ragged

With a plentiful supply of ball from line-outs I cannot remember Evans getting more than two touches of the ball, while Underwood was similarly starved. All too frequently, even in broken play with room to spare, the first option was to kick in which respect Barnes (though his line-kicking was sound at all times), Andrew and Adamson were all guilty.

South Australia, for all their lack of preparation and possession, showed more initiative helped by the powerful kicking of Roebuck

Again, and it is becoming an all too familiar lament, England conceded more penalties than the opposition and on this occasion they even conceded three heels against the head, to two won by pushing South Australia off their ball. There was, therefore, satisfaction for Taylor, the hooker from ACT, for Fitzsimons who kept his pack going well, and for Doughty, a positive scrum half living up to his name who might have slipped over for a try himself with a shade more fortune.

It was, at least, a bright start by England; Andrew seemed quite at home in the unfamiliar position of centre and was unfortunate to be dispossessed over the line after a strong run. Barnes, taking advantage of his own high kick, slipped through on the blind side of a ruck and Adamson, who missed only one goal all evening, added a penalty. Though Roebuck reclaimed three points, Underwood ran a missed clearance back and the forwards worked the ball out for Buttimore to score in his first appearance in a senior England jersey.

The club understanding between Egerton and Robinson contributed to Underwood's try, on a scissors with Andrew, and the No. 8 was a powerful presence when Skinner crossed after an excellent high ball by Barnes from which Andrew broke clear. Doughty's well taken dropped goal disturbed the one-way traffic and Evans, if unemployed in attack, made sure that Trail found no path to the line.

Robinson deserved his try in support of his midfield, the kind of support which was not always evident in last Sunday's international, and a powerful run down the middle by Evans gave Robson a try on the fringe of a ruck. South Australia, however, had the final word and it is no comfort that it came from an untidy England scrum, the ball shooting out for Attwood to drive it over.

SCORERS: South Australia Invitation XV: Try: Attwood. Penalty: Roebuck. Dropped Goal: Doughty. England: Tries: Barnes, Buttimore, Underwood, Skinner, Robinson, Robson. Conversions: Adamson (5). Penalty: Adamson.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INVITATION XV: M Roebuck, R Sadler, P Robinson, S Hulsh, J Trail; S James, S Doughty (capt); G Chappell, J Taylor, G Didier, H Dijksman, P Warren, P Fitzsimons, G Attwood, J Baldock.

ENGLAND: R Adamson (Wakefield); B Evans (Leicester), T Buttimore (Leicester), R Andrew (Wasps, capt), R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), S Robson (Moseley); G Chilcott (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), G Pearce (Northampton), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Redman (Bath), W Dooley (Fylde), A Robinson (Bath), D Egerton (Bath).

Referee: B Kinsey (New South Wales).



Andrew, the acting England captain, was well suited to the unfamiliar position of centre

GOLF

Course softened by rain could help end Lyle's drought

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Sandy Lyle has become accustomed to that winning feeling on American fairways, but he enters the Dunhill Masters on the Duke's course at Woburn today knowing that he must win to demonstrate his prodigious talent to his British supporters.

For, since lifting the Open Championship and the Benson and Hedges International in the space of one month in 1985, Lyle has failed to win on British soil, although he has done so five times in the United States.

"I must admit that it is very frustrating," Lyle said. "I cannot genuinely explain why it should be, although I suspect that my game is more suited to the consistent nature of the American golf courses.

"It is something that I have lived with for a long time because I was three years without a win in Britain before I won the Open. I just hope that I can reverse the trend this week and the Woburn course should help me because the rain has softened it to my liking."

In fact, Lyle has managed only one PGA European Tour victory in the last three years. It came in the German Masters in Stuttgart last October and, after his victory in the US Masters in Augusta in April, it means that he could complete a unique treble this week.

Moreover, Lyle is well aware that Ian Woosnam, who won the PGA Championship at Wentworth on Monday, has resurrected his game and must be regarded as the man to beat. The Welshman suffered one of his rare reversals in 1987 when he was second in the British Masters behind Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe.

McNulty will hope this week to strengthen his grip at the top of the Volvo Order of Merit as he already has winnings this year of £82,128. With Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer also in the field it will not be easy for Lyle to overcome his hoodoo.

Lee Trevino, who won the British Masters in 1985 by virtue of a glorious three-wood approach which led to an eagle at the last, is still a threat, although with little more than one year to go before his fiftieth birthday it seems increasingly likely that his next tournament win will be on the US Seniors circuit.

So, Ian Baker-Finch and Rodger Davis, of Australia, Jeff Hawkes, of South Africa, Ken Brown, Mark James, Barry Lane and Ronan Rafferty seem more likely challengers for the first prize of £41,660.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	385	4	10	502	5
2	134	3	11	193	3
3	395	4	12	419	4
4	510	5	13	565	5
5	207	3	14	432	4
6	464	4	15	449	4
7	409	4	16	425	4
8	177	3	17	329	4
9	404	4	18	514	5
Out	3,085	34	In	3,828	38

Total yardage: 6,913 Par: 72

Davies engineers Welsh repair job

From Chris Thau
Napier, New Zealand

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After the heavy defeat in the first Test against New Zealand in Christchurch last weekend, Wales have found hidden resources of character to bounce back on a winning track with a comforting though imperfect display against the second division side, Hawke's Bay, at McLean Park.

Jonathan Davies who after yesterday's game has extended his run as Welsh captain to three matches — has played a leading role in this restoration of pride.

He scored a personal best of 21 points — including two tries — in a seven-try romp that brought Wales victory by two goals, five tries, two penalty goals and one dropped goal to two goals, one penalty goal and one dropped goal.

Supported by a back division which included no less than six of his Llanelli colleagues, and with his club scrum half, Griffiths, in supreme form, Davies started his classy recital with a neat drop goal after the kick-off.

His coup de grace was an interception near his own line followed by a 90-yard sprint that saw him over for his second and Wales's final try.

Griffiths had another brilliant game and he should be in a position to challenge Robert Jones for the Test side if his back injury heals in time. Rowland had an outstanding game while Nigel Davies, a newcomer, was impressive at centre. The Welsh lost Pugh, the prop, with a bruised lip early in the first half and had Ieuan Evans treated on the touchline for what appeared to be a serious bang on the head.

SCORERS: Hawke's Bay: Tries: R Parsons (2). Penalties: J McDowell. Conversions: J McDowell (2). Dropped goal: J McDowell. Wales: Tries: T Fauvel, C Davies, I Evans, R Phillips, M Hall, J Davies (2). Penalty goals: J Davies (2). Conversions: J Davies (2). Dropped goal: J Davies.

HAWKE'S BAY: J McDowell; D Tamati, H Kupa, M Kupe, P Davis; K White, S Forster; H Quinlivan, N Hewitt, O Crawford, R Parsons, J Bird (capt), R Bartlett, P Renton, R Turner (rep: A Haldane).

WALES: S Bowling; I Evans, M Hall, N Davies, C Davies; J Davies (capt), J Griffiths (rep: R Jones); A Buchanan, I Watkins, J Pugh (rep: S Jones), M Jones, P May, K Moseley, R Phillips, T Fauvel.

Referee: Tom Doocey.

Services in good heart for finale

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After a disappointing and somewhat unexpected 24-13 loss to the New Zealand Army last weekend, the British Combined Services and Police warmed up for the final game of their seven-match tour, against New Zealand Combined Services, at the weekend with a fine display against Royal New Zealand Air Force in Christchurch yesterday (Chris Thau writes).

Trailing 13-12 at half-time and 22-12 with some 20 minutes to go, the Services scored three tries in succession to win an exciting game played at a furious pace throughout by two goals, two tries and three penalty goals to two goals, one try, one penalty goal and one dropped goal.

Led by their inspiring captain, Mick Reece, the Services fought their way back into the game through tries by Steele Hanavan and Hillman.

SCORERS: Services: Tries: N Heslop, J Steele, B Hanavan, C Hillman. Penalty goals: J Steele (3). Conversions: J Steele (2).

COMBINED SERVICES AND POLICE: J Stabler (Police); N Heslop (Police), C Spowart (Army), S Rolfe (RAF), B Hanavan (Police); J Steele (Army), G Morgan (Army); M Lynett (Police), C Hillman (Police) (rep: R Matthews, Army), C Campbell (Army), M Reece (Navy, capt), S Gallagher (Police), S Deer (Police), A Carter (Police), W Carr (Army).

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE: A McMaster; G Thompson, I Mower, S Brown, J Wilson; R Wilcock, L Dunn; D Nally, P Gallagher, R Hohaia, D Paulin, G Ingersoll, I McCullough, A Bailey, C Natapu (capt).

Same side faces Wales

Wellington (Reuter) — The New Zealand selectors, not surprisingly, have made no changes for the second and final international match against Wales in Auckland on June 11 from the team which thrashed them 52-3 on Saturday in Christchurch.

NEW ZEALAND: J Gallagher; J Kirwan, J Stanley, T Wright, W Taylor; G Fox, B Deans; W Shelford (capt), M Jones, M Pierce, G Whetton, A Whetton, R Loe, S Fitzpatrick, S McDowell. Replacements: F Botica, J Goldsmith, G Bachop, A Anderson, M Brewer, K Boroevich.

EQUESTRIANISM

Hickstead provides a vital test for Olympic hopefuls

By Jenny MacArthur

Although the selectors are not calling this week's Everest Double Glazing Nations Cup meeting at Hickstead an Olympic trial, all 12 contenders for the team will be assessed there. By the end of the four-day meeting, which begins today, the selectors hope to have reduced that number by half. The Olympic team of five will be announced after the next Hickstead meeting, the Dubai Cup, on July 24.

Chief among the contenders, and leading the British team this weekend, is John Whitaker, with Next Milton. The winners of the European individual silver medal, they have nothing to prove except their availability. Tom and Doreen Bradley, the owners of Next Milton, are reluctant to allow the horse to go to South Korea. Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, is hoping that they will change their minds.

The other members of the British team at Hickstead are Michael Whitaker, David Broome, Joe Turi and Robert Smith, a late replacement for Nick Skelton, whose horse J Nick had to be put down last week after an accident while competing in France.

Skelton and Malcolm Pyrah, both contenders for an Olympic place, with their top horses Apollo and Towerlands Anglezarke, are likely to compete in Saturday afternoon's Grand Prix, along with the other Olympic hopefuls, Janet Hunter, Liz Edgar, Alan Fazakerley, Harvey Smith and Peter Charles.

Michael Whitaker has yet to prove that he has a horse of Olympic calibre in either Next Amanda or Next Warren Point.

Turi, a former Hungarian trick rider whose climb to the top of British show jumping began 15 years ago when he defected here, is in a more enviable position. He has two top horses both on form — the Dutch-bred stallion Vital, winner of the Olympia World Cup qualifier in December, and Kruger, on whom he jumped a double clear round in the Lucerne Nations Cup.

Broome and Smith, who like Skelton and Pyrah, have become available for Olympic selection under the new British Olympic Association ruling which allows a professional to revert to competitor status, are riding Brook Street Boysie and Countryman respectively.

On Sunday, eight countries will contest the Nations Cup event, which was won last year by an all-women team from the United States. Britain, on that occasion, were a poor fifth but fielded only two of the riders, John and Michael Whitaker, who went on to win the team gold medal at the European Championships.

A final chance to impress selectors

With three places still available on the Olympic three-day event long list, the Carphone Group Brankam horse trials in Yorkshire, the last event before the final list is drawn up this weekend, assumes utmost importance (Jenny MacArthur writes). Riders from Ireland, Australia, South Korea and Sweden start today but because of the weight of entries some performed their dressage tests yesterday.

Chief among the claimants for a place are Jane Thelwall, with King's Jester, who represented Britain in last year's European championship, and Diana Clapham, with Jimmy Cricket, whose third place at Burghley last year was the highest British placing.

Both riders were prevented from competing at Badminton last month, the main selection trial. Thelwall was ill and Jimmy Cricket, Clapham's horse, failed a veterinary inspection. If they regain their Burghley form, it will be hard for the selectors to ignore them.

Ian Stark, competing in his fifth three-day event in six weeks, and Virginia Leng, having her first big outing since spraining her ankle at Badminton, are already long listed and will ride their young horses, Kingarth and Beneficial.

A rider likely to challenge the established names is Jemima Johnson, on Bladon's Dance, the winner of two advanced horse trials this spring.

Mark Phillips, although not competing this weekend because he has only just had the plaster taken off his injured leg, is still in contention for a place on the Olympic long list with Cartier

Quiet Reid ready to move ahead

By Patricia Davies

The season is six weeks old and Dale Reid, who won four titles and led the Woolmark Order of Merit in 1987, has not a victory to her name. After nearly a decade of slogging round the fairways of Europe, it might seem that her powers are on the wane.

Yet the money-list shows that she has moved quietly into third place, with earnings of just over £13,000, and will move up to second if she wins the Broadway Group Wirral Classic, which starts at Caldy today.

Corinne Dibnah, now in second place on the list, is not playing and the relatively modest first prize of £4,500 will not be enough to dislodge Laurette Maritz from the top, even if she wins no money this week.

Reid's position is deceptively modest: so far this season she has finished tied for second, eleventh, 25th, fifth, eighth and third, not bad for a player who felt she lost her swing completely when she travelled to Palm Springs for the Nabisco Dinah Shore tournament before the start of the European season. She has also been hampered by a foot injury.

Caldy, where she finished in a tie for third last year, could be the place to mark Reid's return to winning ways.

TV viewers to get an Open bonus

An Open championship tradition going back 128 years will be broken at Royal Lytham next month. The leaders will be separated from the field from the second day, instead of the third, and start their rounds at about 3 p.m. for prime time television viewing.

George Wilson, deputy secretary of the R and A, explained: "In the past we've had the leaders after the first day playing early in the morning or late into the evening. And no-one is watching then.

"We want to ensure that from an early stage the public and the TV people can see the contenders in action. As far as I know this has never happened before in the Open, although the US Masters has done this sort of thing."

Tour men will play in home championship

David Feherty, David Jones and Jimmy Heggarty, regular competitors on the European tour, will miss the Belgian Open so that they can compete in the Sherwood Systems Ulster PGA championship at Clandeboye, Co Down, from June 15 to 17 (George Ace writes).

The big names in Irish amateur golf will be in action this weekend in the East of Ireland championship at Co Louth, sponsored by the Allied Irish Banks. An entry of 206 includes former Walker Cup men, Garth McGimpsey and Arthur Pierse, a previous winner.

"It is probably the strongest field to compete in recent years and such is the interest that 32 three handicappers had to be balloted out," Moira Cassidy, the Leinster Secretary, said.

SPORTS LETTERS

Football will continue fight against hooligans

From Mr J. R. Smith

Sir, I refer to the letter from Mr Joe Ashton, MP (May 26).

Any cursory examination of the facts will show that hooliganism in football first raised its head in the early sixties. (I arrested my first hooligan in 1961). This was at a time of high employment and, compared to today, a low crime rate. However, it followed the break-up of our moral values and family unit.

Governments of the day, and subsequent Governments, have chosen to ignore the "British disease", except we now have a Government which is trying to raise the moral and permissive debate, which I welcome, and provides hope that a cure will be found, not in the short term, but in the long term.

In the meantime, football will continue to exclude, segregate, and suppress hooligans who associate themselves with the game.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN SMITH,
Executive Director,
Luton Town Football and Athletic Co Ltd,
179-185 Dunstable Road,
Luton, Bedfordshire.

From Mr Tony Simpson

Sir, You reported today (May 24) that Bobby Robson had made an impassioned plea for the England v Scotland game to be retained. He is reported to have said: "We should not let a few louts beat us." Mr Robson was obviously protected and did not bear witness to the scenes around Wembley last Saturday.

It was *not* a few, it was hundreds and hundreds who were in various stages of drunkenness, being abusive, looking for trouble — a real mob. I saw urinating in the car park (close to the toilets) without the slightest efforts to be decent.

The Scots were by far in the majority in this and demonstrated a real hatred for the people south of the border. That is not to say that the smaller numbers of English were not also quite prepared to try and orchestrate trouble.

We do not deserve to be allowed into Europe. I can see little point in the continuance of the England v Scotland game. Unless we do something to stop all this hooliganism the game will become less and less attractive to the sort of people who could ensure its financial viability. Football's hierarchy, the Government, the police and local authorities have got to find the answer.

Yours exasperatedly,
TONY SIMPSON,
Rothlea Lodge,
Flaunden Lane,
Bovingdon, Hertfordshire.

From Mr M. N. Millin,

Sir, I took my eight-year-old son to see the England v Scotland game at Wembley. We experienced no trouble where we were sitting from either Scottish or English fans.

As we walked to the Tube after the match, we chatted to numerous Scottish fans who were very friendly and who helped avoid my son being crushed from the sheer volume of the (predominantly Scottish) crowd.

As one of the Scotsmen pointed out, the trouble comes from a relatively small minority (200 arrests from a crowd in excess of 70,000) on both sides which could virtually have been eliminated by the segregation of fans successfully enforced by the police in League matches.

Yours faithfully,
MARK MILLIN,
1 Little Britain,
Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Jim Park

Sir, Every year, genuine supporters of the two competing clubs cannot obtain tickets to watch their team in the Cup final because the FA repays its debts to the no-doubt worthy administrators of the game at intermediate levels and thereby reduces the allocation of each team to 20,000 tickets.

Every year there are so many vacant seats at the England v Scotland international that there is a serious lack of support for the national teams and any hooligan who wishes to cause trouble has no difficulty in acquiring a ticket on arrival.

Would it not be a worthwhile experiment for the FA to reward its administrators with tickets for our home internationals (the Scotland match only takes place at Wembley in even years) and allocate more Cup Final tickets to the competing clubs?

Such a move would certainly help towards solving the first two problems outlined above and might well alleviate the third.

Yours faithfully,

JIM PARK,
"Rivetin",
Hillside Road,
Pinner Hill, Middlesex.

Duty of care on directors

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, The needless row which has erupted publicly between the Metropolitan Police and the Chelsea chairman after Saturday's Stamford Bridge imbroglio illustrates the chaos which exists at the heart of professional football administration at least in this country today.

The company-club chairman's widely reported attitude suggests an unawareness of the duty of care imposed on his board of directors to segregate and protect by proper stewarding visitors to their premises against foreseeable risks, both at common law and under the Occupiers Liability Acts. These criteria of a duty of care to safeguard against foreseeable risks were the basis of liability which Sir Joseph Cantley held to have been proved against the Bradford City club and the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Council for the Valley Parade fire disaster.

The Metropolitan Police spokesman's equally widely reported attitude suggested an unawareness of last year's important Court of Appeal decision in favour of the South Yorkshire Police Authority against Sheffield United Football Club on March 18, 1987. It upheld Mr Justice Boreham's finding that the police were entitled to charge for "special police services" under Section 15 (1) of the Police Act, 1964, in circumstances comparable to last Saturday's potentially explosive situation.

The silence on all this by the Football Association and the Junior Minister at the Department of the Environment with responsibility for sport suggest that they, too, have not the slightest idea where the legal as well as the moral responsibility lies, in the area which clearly falls within the jurisdiction of the Home Secretary and *his* Ministers.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD GRAYSON,
4 Paper Buildings, EC4.

Connors was a major talent in the Borg era

From Mr Gerald Moggridge

Sir, Mr Richard Evans asserts that Bjorn Borg's achievements in tennis were due partly to the "luck" of there being a dearth of worthy opponents after "Laver and Newcombe had . . . faded from the scene" and "McEnroe had not quite arrived" (End Column, May 19). This cannot go unchallenged.

What about Jimmy Connors? A major talent in world tennis by anyone's standards, Connors was arguably at his peak during the Borg years: by the time the two first met in a Wimbledon final (1977) Connors was in his mid-twenties and already had four grand slam titles to his name (Wimbledon, Australia and two US Opens). Although Borg won most of their major encounters (he had to get past Connors three times in the course of his run of five consecutive Wimbledon titles), Connors remained a major force and was still sharp enough to win a second Wimbledon title in 1982, beating McEnroe in the final.

And can it *really* be said that McEnroe "had not quite arrived" when much of this was going on? When Borg beat him in that memorable five-set final in 1980 to claim his last Wimbledon title, McEnroe was already ranked World No. 1. He was also the reigning US champion and had won the WCT and Masters tournaments.

How often did Laver or Newcombe have to meet the likes of these giants? Mr Evans, you *cannot* be serious.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD MOGGRIDGE,
29 Rossdale,
Sutton, Surrey.

Chance to enjoy other skills

From Mr Jim Watts

Sir, At the recent match between Sussex and the West Indians at Hove, the third day proved to be almost devoid of interest since the West Indians elected to spend the day in batting practice instead of attempting to win the match. I say almost devoid of interest for I found some, not, alas, in the cricket.

As a one-time club cricketer of no repute, I was entranced by the skills of the Sussex twelfth man. I know little of this particular craft for sad to say we never had a twelfth man, indeed not often 11. However, to return to the Sussex worthy, his frequent incursions to the field following the tic-tac mimes from the players proved that he had successfully graduated from the twelfth man training school. He always correctly interpreted requirements.

I was able to guess the more obvious gestures, for example when the batsman offered his bat to the pavilion we all knew he wanted another with more meat and fewer edges.

High drama was to follow, for late in the afternoon, the highly talented twelfth man was clearly stumped and blushing with shame was obliged to go out and ask what was required. I soon understood his dilemma for one of the players requested, and got, a change of socks.

Since the twelfth man training syllabus appears not to cover this situation, may I suggest a suitable mime might be the pinching of the nose between thumb and forefinger.

Yours faithfully,
JIM WATTS,
23 Bramble Rise,

Limits on service

From Mr David Kemp, QC

Sir, Many, who deplore the dominance of the service in today's game, would nevertheless regret its complete demise.

A power serve is one of the joys of tennis. May I suggest a compromise? Let the server be limited to, say, two second services in each game. This proposal, while reducing the influence of the power serve, would retain it as a feature in the game and would at the same time introduce a new element in a player's tactics.

He would have to decide when to take his second serves just as the captain in limited-overs cricket has to decide how to deploy his ration of bowlers.

I am yours faithfully,
DAVID KEMP,
Gray's Inn Chambers, WC1.

Jackpot: case for change

From Mr Charles Byrne

Sir, At Newmarket races on Saturday, May 20, the Tote jackpot, amounting to £8,105 for £1 stake, was not won for the second day running: not surprising in view of the fact that the starting prices of the six horses involved were 25-1, 7-2, 16-1, 11-2, 16-1 and 11-2.

However, if, by judicious application of the proverbial pin, one had succeeded in selecting these six winners but then, instead of naming them in the Tote jackpot, had backed them in an accumulator with a leading bookmaker, the nominal profit would have amounted to £1,428,598.25, and one would have been paid the normal bookmakers' limits of £250,000.

In Ireland, the Tote jackpot is operated on the last four races on the racecard, and I seem to recall that on my last visit to what was by no means a major meeting the pool amounted to about £50,000. I was given to understand that it is unusual for their jackpot not to be either won outright or shared at each meeting.

Even better, I believe, would be a four-race jackpot on the second to fifth races. More time available to select, and then to fill in the entry form; and the announcement of the result before instead of after the last race.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BYRNE,
229 Nicholls Tower,
Harlow, Essex.

Longer lasting

From Mr Brian O'Gorman

Sir, Left-handed baseball players may have reduced life-expectancy (May 19) but cricketers seem to acquire longevity. Research in *Wisden* shows that these great left-handers survived as follows: W. Rhodes — 96 years, F. E. Woolley — 91, H. Ironmonger — 88, G. Hirst — 83, E. Paynter — 77, W. Bardsley — 72, C. Hill — 68, C. P. Mead — 70, M. Leyland — 68 (survived despite an affliction which might have greatly reduced his span).

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN O'GORMAN,
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Addlestone, Surrey.

The fourth rule

From Mr Wyndham Woodward

Sir, Mr Robin Howard (May 26) is doing a service to international cricketers in recalling the three rules of calling for a run.

May I add the fourth: the striker must always run to the bowler's side of the pitch to ensure that his partner will not run into him.

Incidentally, why do umpires allow these international cricketers to run down the middle of the pitch so frequently?

Yours schoolmasterly,
WYNDHAM WOODWARD,
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Sparpenny Lane,
Great Sampford,
Saffron Walden, Essex.

A wing's lament

From Mr Richie Harrison

Sir, Having read today (May 25) that the Wasps wing, Mark Bailey, is disillusioned with the RFU set-up due to the fact that he was not selected as a replacement for the injured John Buckton on England's tour, I am astonished that an amateur can say such a thing. He had the opportunity to join the tour when Mike Harrison withdrew because of injury, but failed a fitness test and could not travel.

Just because England chose to select a centre replacement for a centre — Buttimore for Buckton — it is no reason to make a song and dance about it.

Yours faithfully,
RICHIE HARRISON,
Abbey Road, Sherborne, Dorset.

Flight of fancy

From Mr John Hughes

Sir, I read this morning (May 19) that "Red Glow became the new favourite for the Ever Ready Derby yesterday without even setting foot on a racecourse."

I am somewhat intrigued by this and suggest that he be called "Pegasus" hereinafter as this would seem to be more appropriate surely.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUGHES,
Three Ways,
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Evesham, Worcestershire.

Collision of sporting concepts

From Mr Peter Lawson

Sir, Although professional football is run by cash rather than oxygen, it would seem to me that the current euphoria surrounding the play-off system is quite different from that of a knock-out competition.

To combine them is to create a nonsensical collision of concepts. It is palpably ludicrous for a team finishing fifth in the second division to be promoted rather than a team finishing in third position.

Revenue is of paramount importance, but not at the cost of distorting the very product — in this case League football — supposedly being purveyed to the customer.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAWSON,
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Harrow,
Middlesex.

Views of Grace

From Mr Arthur J. Keefe

Sir, Your correspondent (May 19) who supposes reference to "Archie" MacLaren to be a solecism should know that W. G. Grace in his book *Cricketing Reminiscences and Personal Recollections* (1899) referred to his successor as England captain as Archie five times, twice with inverted commas and thrice without.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR J. KEEFE,
88 Wyndcliff Road, SE7.

RACING: ARUNDEL STAR CAN PREVENT TRIPTYCH COMPLETING CORONATION CUP DOUBLE

Moon Madness to take honours

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Only two mares, Pretty Polly in 1905 and 1906 and Petite Etoile in 1960 and 1961, have won the Coronation Cup twice.

At Epsom today, another great equine athlete Triptych attempts to add her name to the winners' scroll a second time.

On soft ground she would be nigh impossible to beat. On good ground, though, I feel that Moon Madness can thwart her bid to join the elite, especially if Bint Pasha sets her customary good gallop.

There is a form line which supports my view. When he won the valuable Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud last summer, Moon Madness had the crack Italian colt Tony Bin 1½ lengths behind in second place.

Later in the season, Tony Bin had Triptych three lengths behind him when they finished second and third respectively in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. In between times, they both finished behind Triptych, among others, in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot.

But that race was run on heavy ground which we know suits the mare, but not Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's admirable five-year-old.

If the ground remains as good as it was yesterday, Moon Madness looks a sporting nap because in his only race this season he appeared to be as good as ever when winning the Yorkshire Cup very easily indeed, albeit over further. The same cannot be said of Triptych, who was beaten five lengths in the Prix Ganay, which she won last season comfortably en route to Epsom.

Even if one makes every allowance for the possibility that Steve Cauthen may have made a rare tactical error and lain out of his ground that day it was still a disappointing performance from Triptych and one which begs the question: Is she still the force at the age of six that she has been up till now?

Further encouragement for Moon Madness came at Sandown on Tuesday evening when his galloping companion Highland Chieftain won the Brigadier Gerard Stakes.

Bint Pasha and Infamy make up the field. Bint Pasha was a particularly game winner of the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp last September, while Infamy the narrow and equally courgeous winner of the Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown this Spring.

Unlike Bint Pasha, Infamy has never raced beyond 10 furlongs. However, her style of running and her pedigree indicate that this longer distance should not pose a problem.

Otherwise, it may pay to follow Peter Walwyn's two runners Icefern (3.5) and Mihmaz (4.10).

Icefern, my selection for the Sevens Seas Handicap, won the Acorn Stakes over today's course and distance during the corresponding meeting last year before going on to finish a close third in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. First time out this season, she finished two places and five lengths behind Ashtina whom she will be meeting on 36lb better terms now.

Tyrian Belle, who should be better for a short break after a busy Spring, could be the main danger.

A line through Sulaymi suggests that there is little between Mihmaz and Fabled Orator in the Elizabeth Shaw Chocolates Handicap. Mihmaz, who finished second in what looked like a hot little contest at Folkestone last time out, just gets the vote.

Truism (2.35) and High Bailiff (4.45) also smack of a likely double for Walter Swinburn.

The best bet at Carlisle should be Pillar Of Fire to win the Dunmail Maiden Stakes.

At Haydock Park last Friday, the Steve Norton trained three-year-old made a high encouraging beginning to his racing career when finishing second to the hot favourite Triad.

As such useful performers as Beau Ideal and Faraya were well beaten off in third and fourth places, that form looks more than good enough in this company.

Blinkered first time

EPSOM: 2.0 Tracey's Ladd. 2.35 Cosconi. Brilliantly Sharp. 3.5 J Cheever Loophole. CARLISLE: 3.50 Pear Prince. Ya Muna. 4.20 Pango. 5.25 Sandilton Palace.



Sno Serenade holds Sylvan Tempest's challenge in the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom to initiate a 74-1 double for Michael Roberts (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

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EPSOM

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Bar Le Duc.	2.00 Taylors Appeal.
2.35 Truism.	2.35 Cosconi.
3.05 Icefern.	3.05 Erris Express.
3.40 MOON MADNESS (nap).	3.40 Infamy.
4.10 Mihmaz.	4.10 Dealers Delight.
4.45 High Bailiff.	4.45 HIGH BAILIFF (nap).

By Michael Seely
2.00 Alzamina. 3.40 INFAMY (nap).

Going: good **5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.0 H P SAUCE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,012: 5f) (12 runners)

101	(2)	02	BAR LE DUC 12 (A Eddery-Noel) D Elsworth 9-4	S Cauthen	92
102	(6)	003	LADY SPEED STICK 3 (Food Brokers Ltd) W Gentley 9-2	J Bleasdale	74
104	(5)		PRECOCIOUSLY (Mrs G Goodman) D O'Donnell 9-2	R Curant	—
105	(6)	0	ALZAMINA 9 (K Panos) K Ivory 8-10	T Ives	—
106	(11)		FANSHAW GOLDBERG (K J L Beaumont) M Fetherston-Godley 8-10	Pat Eddery	—
107	(1)	0	ENCORE VINGT HUIT 55 (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 8-9	W Carson	—
109	(12)	0200	TRACEY'S LADD 5 (B) (C Bliss) M Brittain 8-9	M Wigham	● 99
111	(10)		A-JAY (Mrs A Hobson) R Stubbs 8-4	I Johnson	—
112	(9)	0	DIXIE MUSIC 9 (P Asquith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-4	G Bardwell (5)	—
113	(7)	033	LITTLE LOLITA 28 (T S M Cunningham) R Hannon 8-4	M Roberts	89
115	(4)	00	NICE CATCH 24 (John O'Shea) D Wilson 8-4	B Rouse	—
116	(3)	000	TAYLORS APPEAL 36 (Taylors of Soham Ltd) E Eldin 8-4	A Mackay	73

BETTING: 3-1 Bar Le Duc, 4-1 Little Lolita, 5-1 Alzamina, Fanshaw Goldberg, Tracey's Ladd, 6-1 Lady Speed Stick, 10-1 others.
1987: VERY SPECIAL LADY 8-4 R Curant (9-2 jt-fav) A Ingham 13 ran

2.35 LEA & PERRINS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £8,311: 1m 110yd) (12 runners) C 4

201	(3)	0-2	TRUISM 17 (Lord Carnarvon) W Hastings-Bass 9-7	W R Swinburn	71
203	(6)	1110-00	ROCKARIA 15 (F,G) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) P Cole 9-3	J Reid	86
204	(1)	004	SUNDAYSPORT SCOOP 26 (Roldvale Ltd) J Sutcliffe 9-3	Paul Eddery	95
208	(2)	02100-0	LADY LEMAN 22 (F,G) (C P Linney) R Williams 8-13	Alison Harper (7)	87
207	(10)	430-414	DEBDEN 19 (G) (D F Cock) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	77
208	(7)	01010-0	MACHO MAN 17 (B,F,S) (Cadric Ford) B Hanbury 8-11	M Hills	● 99
211	(12)	00-4100	COSCONI 16 (B,G) (Yahya Nasib) N Callaghan 8-9	Pat Eddery	95
214	(9)	00-000	CHASE THE DOOR 19 (Christopher Dodson) J Sutcliffe 8-7	S Cauthen	74
217	(11)	000041-	VICEROY JESTER 217 (B,S) (Frank J Broom) D Elsworth 8-7	W Carson	86
219	(4)	3310-00	STRIDE HOME 29 (F,S) (E P Jameson) P Cole 8-4	T Quinn	90
220	(8)	2400-00	MONTEROS BOY 19 (Peter G P Hodgson) R Akehurst 8-3	T Williams	78
221	(5)	0-40	BRILLIANTLY SHARP 31 (B) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-1	M Roberts	91

BETTING: 4-1 Macho Man, 5-1 Rockaria, 11-2 Truism, 6-1 Brilliantly Sharp, Sundaysport Scoop, 8-1 Cosconi, Debden, Vicaroy Jester, 10-1 others.
1987: MY NOBLE LORD 9-7 T Quinn (7-2 fav) P Cole 9 ran

FORM TRUISM (8-11) 7l 2nd to Polar Gap (9-4) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f grad, £1,063, firm, May 16, 6 ran).
ROCKARIA (9-2) best effort a ¾l beating of Hello Steve (8-12) at Sandown (7f, £3,070, firm, July 9, 4 ran).
DEBDEN (8-11) best effort a 3l beating of Letcombe (7-13) at Salisbury (1m h'cap, £2,661, good, May 5, 12 ran).
MACHO MAN (9-7) best effort a 4l beating of Loch Fleet (6-11) at Beverley (7f100yd h'cap, soft, Aug 26, 18 ran).
COSCONI (9-7) best effort a head defeat of Elegant Stranger (8-0) at Salisbury (1m claim, £2,700, good, May 5, 14 ran).
VICEROY JESTER (8-12) beat Sister Chabrias (8-7) a head at Folkestone (6f claim, £959, good to soft, Oct 29, 15 ran).
Selection: VICEROY JESTER

3.5 SEVEN SEAS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,778: 5f) (13 runners) C 4

301	(8)	41-421	ASHTINA 14 (D,F,G) (R P Maughan) L Cottrell 9-9 (5ex)	I Johnson	80
302	(5)	121-000	J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 22 (B,D,F,S) (Steven Astaire) C Tinkler 9-7	W R Swinburn	85
303	(6)	0112-00	LUSTY LAD 25 (CD,F,G) (Alan Walder) M Haynes 8-7	B Rouse	93
304	(10)	0012-00	SLIP AND STICK 30 (D,F) (D Zawawi) B Hanbury 8-5	M Hills	93
305	(9)	113200-	TOSHAIR FLYER 216 (CD,F,G) (K Beaumont) M Fetherston-Godley 8-3	M Roberts	89
306	(12)	04033-0	ICEFERN 21 (CD,S) (P G Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-1	T Quinn	92
307	(2)	14104-0	PRIESTGATE 14 (D,F) (Roger Speechley) J Wharton 8-1	G Bardwell (5)	91
308	(1)	23-104	THORNER LANE 21 (D,F) (E Richmond) R Whitaker 8-1	Dean McKeown	91
309	(3)	3232-12	QUEEN OF ARAGON 30 (D,BF,F) (C Lockhart) R Hollinshead 7-11	A Culleane (5)	94
310	(4)	3400-41	SALADAN KNIGHT 20 (D,F)(Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10 (5ex)	W Carson	65
311	(7)	230-000	MERE MELODY 21 (D,G,S) (Mel Brittain) M Brittain 7-9	T Williams	83
313	(13)	040-003	ERRIS EXPRESS 7 (D,F) (J S Ruddy) F Durr 7-8	A Mackay	● 99
314	(11)	1-110	TYRIAN BELLE 45 (D,BF,G,S) (W H Ponsonby) P Cole 7-7	R Fox	94

BETTING: 5-1 Ashtina, 11-2 Queen Of Aragon, Saladan Knight, 6-1 Lusty Lad, Slip And Stick, 13-2 Toshair Flyer, Tyrian Belle, 8-1 others.
1987: QUICK SNAP 8-2 R Curant (7-2 fav) A Ingham 10 ran

FORM LUSTY LAD (9-6) best effort head 2nd to Directors' Choice at Lingfield (6f, £3,831, good to firm, July 11, 4 ran).
SLIP AND STICK (9-4) best effort short head victory from Aptitude (9-7) at Newmarket (5f h'cap, £5,936, good to firm, Oct 1, 15 ran) with ERRIS EXPRESS (8-8) ½l away in 4th.
QUEEN OF ARAGON (8-8) best effort 1½l victory from Restless Don (9-6) at Thirsk (5f h'cap, £2,626, good to firm, April 16, 13 ran) with MERE MELODY (8-3) 5l away in 6th.
MERE MELODY (8-5) best effort 3¾l 5th to Fairfield Lad at Doncaster (5f h'cap, £1,962, good, Nov 6, 22 ran).
ERRIS EXPRESS (9-7) 2½l 3rd to Chain Shot (8-10) at Brighton (5f h'cap, £2,469, firm, May 25, 12 ran).
Selection: MERE MELODY

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3.40 HANSON CORONATION CUP (Group I: £59,688: 1m 4f) (4 runners) C 4

404	(4)	12100-1	MOON MADNESS 21 (D,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 5-9-0	Pat Eddery	93
407	(1)	241110-	BINT PASHA 194 (D,F,G,S) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-8-11	T Quinn	86
408	(3)	11113-1	INFAMY 40 (F,G) (Gerald Leigh) L Cumani 4-8-11	R Cochrane	92
409	(2)	11314-3	TRIPTYCH 32 (CD,F,G,S) (Peter M Brant) P Biancone (Fr) 5-8-11	S Cauthen	● 99

● Moon Madness will not run if the ground is soft

BETTING: 7-4 Triptych, 9-4 Moon Madness, 11-4 Infamy, 5-1 Bint Pasha.
1987: TRIPTYCH 5-8-11 A Cruz (4-5 fav) P Biancone 5 ran

FORM MOON MADNESS (9-0) beat Lake Erie (8-9) 1½l at York (1m 6f Group II, £30,492, good, May 12, 8 ran).
BINT PASHA (9-2) 2½l victory from Three Tails (9-2) at Longchamp (1m 4f Group I, £82,053, good, Sept 13, 12 ran).
INFAMY (8-12) beat Most Welcome (8-13) a head at Sandown (1m 2f Group III, £21,067, good, April 23, 5 ran).
TRIPTYCH (9-0) 2½l victory from Most Welcome (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 2f Group I, £80,600, good to soft, Oct 17, 11 ran).
Selection: TRIPTYCH

4.10 ELIZABETH SHAW CHOCOLATES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,025: 7f) (16 runners) C 4

502	(5)	000-242	MIHMAZ 10 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-7	Pat Eddery	95
503	(8)	00-3310	ELA-YIANNI-MOU 31 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (P Charalambous) M Brittain 9-6	M Wigham	91
504	(14)	1-	ATHENE NOCTUA 213 (S) (Mrs John Van Geest) R Williams 9-3	R Cochrane	89
505	(2)	210-012	DEALERS DELIGHT 8 (D,F) (Miss Elaine D Williams) R Boss 9-3 (8ex)	M Roberts	93
506	(15)	000	CHABICHOU 28 (T C Ellis) P Haslam 8-13	T Williams	80
507	(3)	4-30	HIP HIP HURRY 45 (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	82
508	(10)	000-0	THUNDERING 10 (Ray Richards) C Brittain 8-11	W Ryan	83
509	(13)	003-0	MY PAL POPEYE 27 (Mrs Patricia Mitchell) P Mitchell 8-11	T Ives	84
510	(16)	04000-	LAUGHING HOME 209 (Miss Amanda J Rawding) R Akehurst 8-10	R Hills (5)	85
511	(4)	000-032	FABLED ORATOR 17 (F) (Mrs L M Davies) R Hannon 8-10	W Carson	96
513	(7)	000-04	KING OF THE CLOUDS 29 (P S B(Racing)Ltd) G Balding 8-4	M Fozzard	88
514	(6)	040-02	SPANISH HEART 16 (Avon Industries Ltd) N Vigors 8-4	P Cook	93
515	(12)	0000-00	ROYAL DARTMOUTH 26 (Axminster Carpets Limited) L Cottrell 8-0	C Rutter	85
516	(11)	0400-00	SUNLEY LEISURE 22 (Sunley Holdings Plc) R Hannon 7-9	S Dawson	92
518	(9)	000-200	ANSTEY BOY 5 (C Taylor) W Brooks 7-9	G Bardwell (5)	97
519	(1)	0000-00	MRS MEADOWS 26 (George Morris) W Williams 7-7	D McKay	● 99

Long handicap: Mrs Meadows 7-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Athene Noctua, 7-2 Mihmaz, 11-2 Spanish Heart, 6-1 Fabled Orator, 8-1 Dealers Delight, King Of The Clouds, Thundering, 10-1 others.
1987: CAPE WILD 10-1 W R Swinburn (2-1 fav) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM MIHMAZ (8-5) 2l 2nd to Land Ahoy (8-4) at Folkestone (6f grad, £1,136, firm, May 23, 18 ran).
ELA-YIANNI-MOU (8-2) best effort a 2l beating of Fille d'Esprit (7-12) at Epsom on penultimate start (7f h'cap, £3,226, good to soft, April 19, 12 ran).
ATHENE NOCTUA (8-11) beat Fantasie Impromptu (8-11) 1l at Leicester (6f mdn, £1,833, soft, Nov 2, 9 ran).
DEALERS DELIGHT (8-10) short head 2nd to Bashush (9-3) at Brighton (7f h'cap, £3,297, firm, May 25, 15 ran).
FABLED ORATOR (7-12) 1l 2nd to Sulaymi (8-0) at Windsor (6f h'cap, £3,028, good, May 16, 19 ran). Previously (7-13) 4½l 3rd to Aluqa (9-7) at Kempton with MIHMAZ (8-9) 1/2l 4th, ELA-YIANNI-MOU (8-10) 4l 8th and DEALERS DELIGHT (7-13) behind in 10th (7f h'cap, £2,881, good, May 2, 12 ran).
SPANISH HEART (8-6) ½l 2nd to Marbella Silks (9-4) at Brighton (6f h'cap, £2,415, firm, May 17, 10 ran).
Selection: FABLED ORATOR

4.45 LOWFIELD NIGHTINGALL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,950: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

603	(5)	03	FLYAWAY 24 (Hilal Salem) B Hanbury 9-0	Pat Eddery	97
604	(6)	23	HIGH BAILIFF 24 (BF) (R E Sangster) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	● 99
605	(3)	0-00	POUR ENCOURAGER 17 (T J Gregory) G Lewis 9-0	R Quinton	82
606	(4)	224-000	SEXTON 31 (N G Anderson) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	74
607	(1)	00	ADIVARA 40 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	—
608	(2)	0442-03	TRUE QUEEN 17 (G W Lock) J Bethell 8-11	P Cook	97

BETTING: 2-1 High Bailiff, 5-2 Flyaway, 4-1 True Queen, 15-2 Sexton, 8-1 Pour Encourager, 10-1 Adivara.
1987: ALBACORE 9-0 W Carson (5-1) W Hern 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Whitaker	4	14	28.6
M Stoute	10	42	23.8
P Kelleway	5	30	16.7
P Walwyn	6	37	16.2
P Cole	6	38	15.8
N Vigors	3	21	14.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Dean McKeown	3	9	33.3
W R Swinburn	9	42	21.4
S Cauthen	18	90	20.0
Pat Eddery	19	117	16.2
J Reid	4	31	12.9
T Quinn	5	39	12.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

Resourceful Roberts roars in to collect 74-1 double

By George Rae

Michael Roberts, a jockey of considerable initiative on the track, had to use plenty of that quality off it in order to complete a 74-1 double in the opening two races at Epsom yesterday.

"I was stuck in traffic a couple of miles from the course, not going anywhere, and I was worried about not making it in time," Roberts said.

"Then a lad on a motorbike pulled up next to me, so I asked him if I gave him a few pounds would he run me up to the track.

"He said fine, so I put on my racing helmet, jumped on the back and away we went. I just put my car over to the side of the road and left it there."

His resourcefulness reaped its due reward when 25-1 outsider Sno Serenade gained a 1½ lengths win from the favourite Sylvan Tempest in the 182nd Woodcote Stakes for two-year-olds.

Trainer Ron Boss, previously successful in this race with Calixos, now has his eyes on Royal Ascot later this month for the colt. "We'll have a go at the Coventry Stakes," Boss said. "It depends to some extent on how he comes out at this race but I'm certainly hopeful because he has such a good temperament."

Roberts then had to come from an apparently impossible position two furlongs out to complete his double on Waajib in the group three Diomed Stakes.

However, once Roberts had Waajib balanced and running, the five-year-old produced an impressive burst of acceleration to cut down Luzum in the final furlong and win a shade comfortably in the end by 1½ lengths. Both first and second are owned by Hamdan Al-Maktoum.

"I have to admit I thought we had no chance," trainer Alec Stewart said. "I suppose we were lucky that the gap appeared when it did, but Michael said that the horse just didn't come down the hill and it was only when they hit the rising ground in the straight that he began racing.

"He's wonderfully tough but he has had a hard race today and I will have to think about his next objective," Stewart went on.

"The Queen Anne Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot is the idea but I want to wait and see how Waajib himself is and also how the opposition divides up between that race and the mile and a quarter Prince of Wales's Stakes which is Mtoto's race."

Stewart also had news of Mtoto the "winner" of the Festival Stakes at Goodwood last month, subsequently made void as the runners took the wrong course. "He's in great form," said the trainer, "and he worked exceptionally well this morning."

No date set for retrial

The race-fixing trial in Hong Kong of three former Chinese jockeys and two prominent businessmen may now not take place until next year. It was decided yesterday that the retrial would go ahead but no date has been set.

"The earliest date would be sometime in September, but a more likely time would be in January," a High Court spokesman said. However, it has been confirmed that Justice Pat O'Dea would not be presiding at the new trial.

Fox cleared over his riding of The Yomper

Richard Fox has been cleared of any suspicion over his riding of The Yomper at Chester's May meeting.

The matter had been referred to the Jockey Club by the local stewards after Roger Curtis's 9-4 favourite had finished seventh, beaten 25 lengths by easy winner Mill Plantation, in the Great Cheshire Handicap Stakes.

The Yomper's owner, Ian Adair, was furious with Fox's riding of the six-year-old gelding and said at the time: "I have complained to the stewards and I shall take it every step of the way."

But having held an inquiry into the running of The Yomper, who led until the three-furlong marker, the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee accepted the jockey's explanation that the horse had no more to give.

A delighted Fox said yesterday: "Naturally, I'm pleased with the stewards' decision as it vindicates my riding of the horse. Now I just want to forget about it."

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Knighted Dancer.	2.15 Expound.
2.45 Keep Cool.	2.45 —
3.15 Foot Patrol.	3.15 Sunfleet.
3.50 Pillar Of Fire.	3.50 Shareef Sailor.
4.20 Pelham Place.	4.20 Odilese.
4.55 Miss Rossetti.	4.55 Miss Rossetti.
5.25 Commander Meaden.	5.25 Durasingh.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.50 Shareef Sailor.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 PILLAR OF FIRE.

Going: good to firm (good in places) **5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.15 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE RACE STAKES (£1,062: 1m) (7 runners)

4	(4)	0-	BINSEY BOY 285J (D Green) Miss Z Green 5-8-11	A Bosbell	—
5	(6)	00-	INVERTIEL 248 (D St Clair) P Monteith 4-9-11	P Burke	—
6	(7)	0040-0	KHARIF 17 (T Craig) T Craig 4-8-11	R Price (5)	—
10	(5)	3-120	ST ELMO'S FIRE 12 (D,BF,S) (Byton Farmers Ltd) M Prescott 3-8-10	B Lane	● 99
14	(3)	0-41	KNIGHTED DANCER 24 (S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-6	D Lees (5)	90
15	(1)	400-	EXPOUND 224 (Mrs C Heath) L Cumani 3-8-1	N Gwillams (5)	—
20	(2)		SOYEZ SAGE (Skeltools Ltd) J Shaw 3-7-12	N Gwillams (5)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Knighted Dancer, 9-4 St Elmo's Fire, 3-1 Expound, 14-1 Soyez Sage, 20-1 Kharif, 33-1 Binsey Boy, Invertiel.
1987: GIROTONDO 8-6 C Rate (1-7 fav) L Cumani 8 ran

2.45 LORTON SELLING HANDICAP STAKES (£965: 1m) (15 runners)

1	(3)	9020	TOWN MEETING 9 (B Ray) Ronald Thompson 4-9-10	R P Elliott	90
4	(11)	624323	MEEDAF 9 (V) (Mrs J Duke) R Stubbs 4-9-5	D Nicholls	● 99
5	(2)	330-204	DESIGN WISE 224 (F) (Full Circle T'Breds D Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-3	Kim Tinkler	93
8	(15)	033340-	NOT YET 234 (W Pocklerman) E Weymes 4-8-10	M Birch	94
9	(9)	000030	GOLDEN PETINGO 19 (T Wong) M Brittain 3-8-10	R Tsui	88
10	(4)	00-0030	OUR JULIE 17 (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 3-8-10	L Charnock	82
11	(11)	040-004	KEEP COOL 19 (C,F) (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-8-9	C Hodgson (7)	96
12	(12)	10000-0	DEINOPUS 12 (S) (Mrs B Robinson) D Moffatt 4-8-9	C Dwyer	93
13	(6)	223-000	SPANISH INFANTA 24 (E Robinson) P Felgate 5-8-8	G Duffield	82
15	(8)	0400-00	OWL'S WAY 12 (A Spalding) M Johnston 5-8-7	N Rodgers (7)	89
16	(14)	00060-0	MOLLY PARTRIDGE 37 (F) (G A Farndon Eng Co Ltd) H Wharton 5-8-8	G Carter	96
18	(7)	0/00-	RELATIVELY GREAT 217 (Dr S Foster) M Charles 5-8-5	G Hind (7)	—
19	(5)	000/0-00	BELOW STAIRS 19 (S) (J Statcher) W Haigh 5-8-2	J H Brown	—
20	(13)	00000-0	SWIFT CHALLENGER 84 (Swift Caravans Ltd) R Stubbs 4-7-10	P Burke (7)	—
21	(10)	0000-03	MAGIC MOVER 6 (D Chapman) D Chapman 4-7-7	S Wood (5)	86

BETTING: 9-2 Keep Cool, 11-2 Design Wise, 6-1 Town Meeting, 13-2 Meedaf, 8-1 Golden Petingo, Magic Mover, 10-1 Not Yet, 12-1 Spanish Infanta, 16-1 others.
1987: HIGHDALE 5-11-7 L Charnock (10-1) J Cosgrave 13 ran

3.15 McEWAN LAGER HANDICAP (£2,450: 1m) (8 runners)

2	(5)	0-24030	CHIMES OF THE DAWN 31 (C Cyzer) S Norton 4-9-10	J Murray (7)	96
3	(4)	2000-01	FOOT PATROL 40 (D,F,G) (Full Circle T'Breds D Plc) E Incisa 7-8-9	Kim Tinkler	94
8	(1)	000300-	SUNFLEET 224 (Greenland Park Ltd) R J Williams 4-8-11	G Duffield	90
11	(7)	113000/	ZIO PEPPINO 15J (D,F) (M Vetrazino) B McLean 7-8-7	P Burke (7)	—
13	(3)	2400-20	BLAZE OF GOLD 12 (W Airey) E Alston 4-8-4	M Fry	● 99
15	(8)	1020-00	TEEJAY 39 (D,F,G) (D Waldron) P Bevan 9-8-1	A Proud	93
18	(6)	000-00	GUNABEE ROYD 12 (K Hancock) N Bycroft 4-7-8	L Charnock	—
19	(5)	000-00	MIGHTY SUPREMO 20 (G) (J Mitchell) N Tinkler 7-7-8	Julie Bowker (7)	—
20	(2)	00/0000	MIGHTY SUPREMO 20 (G) (J Mitchell) N Tinkler 7-7-8	Julie Bowker (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Foot Patrol, 7-2 Chimes Of The Dawn, 9-2 Sunfleet, 8-1 Blaze Of Gold, 9-1 Teejay, 12-1 Zio Peppino, 14-1 Gunabee Royd, 20-1 Mighty Supremo.
1987: BAXTERGATE 4-8-4 M Birch (9-2) J Payne 10 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	9	16	56.3
M Tompkins	3	14	21.4
J Watts	7	40	17.5
C Tinkler	4	24	16.7
S Norton	7	51	13.7
R Hollinshead	7	68	10.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Birch	6	55	14.5
N Connorton	7	56	12.5
B Raymond	3	25	12.0
M Wood	4	34	11.8
G Duffield	7	68	10.3

Only qualifiers
(Not including yesterday's results)

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm. good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft. good to soft. heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.50 DUNMAIL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £824: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

2	(8)	0-3	ANCIENT RITUAL 31 (R Sangster) J Watts 9-0	N Connorton	77
3	(11)	0	CAIRNCASTLE 17 (Greenland Park Ltd) R J Williams 9-0	G Duffield	—
4	(10)	0040-	EASTERN EVENING 208 (Eastern Counties Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0	G Carter	82
5	(6)	00	FAR OVER STRUY 37 (Ma) (Gen Sir G Burns) M Prescott 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
6	(7)	4-	GAASID 213 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	82
7	(4)	40	GALLOWAY BREEZE 12 (W Allan) Denys Smith 9-0	L Charnock	79
8	(1)	0002-0	MILS MIJ 10 (J Hurst) J J O'Neill 9-0	J Lowe	67
10	(3)	000-00	PEER PRINCE 51 (B) (J Cooke) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	P Robinson	71
12	(9)	2	PILLAR OF FIRE 6 (C Cyzer) S Norton 9-0	J Murray (7)	● 99
14	(5)	0-0	SHAREEF SAILOR 28 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	M Birch	—
23	(2)	34-03	YA MUNA 12 (B) (Mrs D Butler) W Jarvis 8-11	N Carlisle	84

BETTING: 2-1 Pillar Of Fire, 7-2 Shareef Sailor, 11-2 Ancient Ritual, 7-1 Gaasid, 8-1 Ya Muna, 14-1 Cairncastle, 20-1 Mils Mij, 25-1 others.
1987: ILLUSTRIOUS 3-9-6 R Cochrane (4-11 fav) L Cumani 8 ran

4.20 KNARSDALE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £824: 6f) (12 runners)

5	(9)	000	GOLDEN CHARIOT 43 (T Wong) M Brittain 9-0	R Tsui	—
7	(10)	2200-00	LONG TIKI 26 (W Marshall) G Moore 9-0	C Coates	98
9	(3)	0	MUSIEKA 33 (C F Hunter Ltd) A Robson 9-0	M Beecroft	—
12	(6)	0030-03	PELHAM PLACE 12 (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-0	D Nicholls	94
14	(7)	0003-00	SHACKAMAR 12 (Mrs E Taylor) Miss M Bell 9-0	N Carlisle	78
21	(8)	0	LADY HUNTER 43 (Dr S Foster) M Charles 8-11	J Quinn (5)	—
22	(12)	30-	MARLENE'S DAYS 244 (J Albritton) J Watts 8-11	N Connorton	● 99
23	(2)		ODILESE (T Warner) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	—
24	(4)	000-	O K SANDRA 219 (T Butcher) N Bycroft 8-11	L Charnock	—
25	(5)	0-40	PENGO 15 (B) (Mrs J De Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	K Darley	86
26	(1)	00-	PETITE CHANSON 275 (Mrs J Turpin) J Etherington 8-11	J Lowe	—
31	(11)	0	WINELLA 13 (W Carrick) W Haigh 8-11	S Salmon	—

BETTING: 6-4 Marlene's Days, 3-1 Odilese, 11-2 Pelham Place, 8-1 Pengo, 14-1 Long Tiki, Shackamar, 20-1 Golden Chariot, 33-1 others.
1987: SO KIND 8-11 N Connorton (7-2) J Watts 14 ran

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Alan Lee assesses the responsibilities facing the men behind the England team as it begins its campaign against West Indies

England's Test from crease to committee room

More than a Test match series at stake this season

Mike Gatting, the England captain, should not be alone this morning if he feels he is walking into the dock when the Test series against West Indies begins at Trent Bridge. *Gatting may indeed be exposed to a ruthless form of public trial over the coming weeks but as cricket enters a period of critical self-appraisal the scrutiny must not end at the boundary rope.*

The pressure, for that is undeniably what it amounts to, extends to many different sections of the game, all of whom have to demonstrate competence and even restore confidence after recent events, which have left much of the watching public with a tainted impression of the sport and its administrators.

If, as we are obliged to believe by the brevity of his current appointment, Gatting's job is in jeopardy, others should be in a similar position. Some, I suggest, have hidden for too long behind the excuse of the players' shortcomings; this summer, all should be judged on their own merits.

The England team has been struggling. Put aside the results of one-day internationals, for they belong in a different file. In the more solemn and enduring business of Test cricket, recent achievements have been negligible. This, however, is not necessarily entirely the fault of the players on the field. A team's performance in the high-pressure environment of a Test series can be affected by the performances of those whose job it is to officiate, often out of sight and too often out of mind. It is these men, as much as



Gatting and his troops, who need to be studied under the public microscope this summer.

the players to go to war; the groundsmen, responsible for match conditions; the umpires, whose job may now be the most difficult of all . . . England will find it hard to win and the game will find it impossible to project the image of health and discipline, if these categories of cricket officialdom fall down on their job. The same can be said of those men at the top, the employers, the Test and County Cricket Board.

Last winter, events overseas dragged the profile of English cricket into an unprecedented swamp which reflected poorly on all concerned. The chance is available, this home season, to put much of that right. The public still want to watch England play, that is certain. But if those who oversee the game, as much as those who play it, cannot attain high standards, then cricket could be dragged further into those murky waters by the end of the summer.

THE SELECTOR

Peter May is possibly regretting his oft-quoted statement that 'even the selectors are on trial'. It was an attempt to protect the England captain from speculation but drew attention to a record which bears little inspection.

It is easy to plead that the selectors are only as good as the players available. Far more accurate to say they are only as good as the players they nominate – something completely different. May agrees. "We have to get it right," May says. "If we ensure that the best players available are on the field, we have done our job well."

May is aware there will always be the hard-luck cases; similarly, there will often be players who are apparently granted extended favour for no obvious reason. It is when the contentious choices prove inadequate that the buck stops with the chairman of selectors.



Peter May

Already this summer, May's choices of Pringle, Downton, Athey and Lynch for the Texaco Trophy series were widely condemned, but the first two justified themselves and England won 3-0. "We expect criticism if we get things wrong," he said. "It is when it becomes unpleasant and destructive that we take exception."

The old cry that the selectors are out of touch has to some extent been silenced by the addition of Micky Stewart, a full-time cricket manager in constant contact with the county game. There is, however, a theory that Stewart, or someone of similar standing, should be the man in charge of selection, and that May, a part-timer, however committed, is occupying an outdated position.

When May took over from Alec Bedser in 1982 he intended to do the job for a four-year span. Six years on, he is in no hurry to stand down. He has been in charge for 66 Tests, of which only 14 have been won and 24 lost. It is, inescapably, a series of critical importance for the chairman, and perhaps for the concept of a selection committee.

THE UMPIRE

English umpires are constantly being reassured of standing head and shoulders above those in the rest of the world. This may amount to a backhanded compliment as standards in most countries are now quite deplorable; it may also be issued with less conviction than of old.

Even the best and most senior of England umpires are no longer immune from the vitriolic criticism of disgruntled players, not all of it issued by the blindly self-righteous.

It is well-nigh impossible to be certain that standards in England have fallen; the rising number of controversial decisions is certain. This need not infer poor umpiring. At Test level, players habitually adopt theatrical posturing when a decision goes against them, sometimes utterly without justification. Umpires



Jack Birkenshaw

must now make instant decisions knowing that the most advanced technology available to television is exposing their decision to possible public ridicule on action-replay.

Barrie Meyer, chairman of the first-class umpires, is off the Test panel this summer. He wants to be back, but the ambition is tinged with realism. "I don't actually enjoy Test cricket and I don't think many of us do," he said. "The demands and exposure are so great, and players behave differently because there is a lot at stake."

Last summer David Constant was subjected to Pakistani protests, ignored at its peril by the TCCB. Then came the undignified episodes in Pakistan. Umpiring duties, once confined to applying the Laws, now extend to enforcing law and order.

One who has proved a survivor, despite his transparent nervousness, is Harold 'Dickie' Bird, predictably chosen, alongside the sound and solid Jack Birkenshaw, to stand at Trent Bridge today. Shakoor Rana will stalk the game a while yet; it is up to the players and umpires together to exorcise those ghosts.

THE GROUNDSMAN

If the faces of county groundsmen look a little more careworn than usual this September, it will be no surprise. Apart from the vagaries of the weather, club captains and county secretaries, they have been faced this season with a new problem.

They have been told to experiment, to produce pitches with pace and bounce which will help fast bowlers and spinners and England to win Test matches. The TCCB has decreed: no more low, slow, boring pitches.

The problem for the groundsmen is that low, slow, boring pitches are relatively easy to prepare. Hard, fast, bouncy, good cricket pitches are not. Hence, from Old Trafford to Headingley, Leicester to Worcester, the ball has been behaving in



Ron Allsopp

mysterious ways and the groundsmen have been sought out for explanations.

Ron Allsopp, whose Trent Bridge pitch will come under the microscope for the next five days, has been through it all before. He has been producing positive pitches for years. They have not always been to the liking of visiting county captains and he has taken his share of criticism from other quarters too, most widely when Terry Alderman bowled Australia to victory in 1981. He does not feel more pressure this season, but he thinks others might.

"It's going to be tough for some groundsmen," Allsopp says. "They can't just go on doing what they've been doing for years. The problem is that it is not an exact science. Things do go wrong and when they do they will be criticized, which will hurt some lads."

Allsopp has never tried to hide the fact that the ideal result on his "positive" pitches is victory for Nottinghamshire. The problem now, it seems, is that under the TCCB's directive groundsmen are being urged to produce similar "result pitches," which is not entirely what the TCCB had in mind.

THE ADMINISTRATOR

At the height of the winter crisis in Pakistan, a rift developed between England's players and the hierarchy of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). The shop floor fell out violently with the management and, as is usual on such occasions, industrial action was taken.

In this instance, it did not extend to a strike, although the possibility was discussed. The team took the unprecedented step of issuing a public statement, deploring their employers' action over Mike Gatting's row with the umpire, Shakoor Rana.

The aftermath involved the TCCB's two top officials – the chairman, Raman Subba Row, and chief executive, Alan Smith – in a trip to Karachi, for meetings with hostile cricketers. Seldom has such a distrustful atmosphere



Raman Subba Row

of "them and us" existed between players and administrators.

Subba Row later recalled: "I had had an argument with the England captain at 5,000 miles range on the telephone. It was not pleasant. We did not particularly want to go to Pakistan but the situation demanded urgent action."

Smith, reflecting on the troubled winter and its supervision at home and abroad, said: "Mistakes were made. It is up to us all to make sure they are not repeated."

Open hostility may have ceased but certain England players remain coolly suspicious of the men who govern their careers. It is not a healthy atmosphere, nor is it helped by damaging bungling such as that which made a fiasco of the recent Benson and Hedges Cup draw on radio.

Subba Row, a conscientious and communicative chairman, is aware that he and his board are under a pressing obligation this summer. It involves their usual duties of presenting the game in a way which pleases the public while simultaneously restoring the trust of the players. Without that, a very dangerous conflict looms.

Trent Bridge the setting for memorable contests

By Simon Wilde

Neville Cardus's description of Trent Bridge as "a Lotus-land for batsmen, a place where it was always afternoon and 360 for two wickets" was especially apt for England-West Indies Tests there until recently, when the arrival at Nottinghamshire of Richard Hadlee coincided with the emergence of Ron Allsopp's well-grassed pitches.

The last time the two countries met in Nottingham, in 1980, it was a tense, low-scoring game in which England, inspired to a memorable fightback by Willis, failed only narrowly to record their first Test win in five matches on the ground over West Indies. Near the end the atmosphere was such that Haynes ran from the field in tears after being run out backing up, convinced he had thrown away the match, though only three runs were needed with two wickets left.

Perhaps the decisive innings on that occasion was an imperious 48 in 56 minutes by West Indies' present captain, Viv Richards, which made rapid inroads into their modest target. Richards has enjoyed himself at Trent Bridge, scoring 408 runs in two Tests, including a majestic 232 in his first Test in England, in 1976, when a century by Steele helped England escape with a draw.

Hundreds by Weekes and Worrell (261) paved the way for an emphatic West Indies victory in 1950. Seven years later Worrell returned to give a display of very different character, batting nine and a half hours for 191 not out to save his side after England had run up 619 for six declared (Graveney 258). In 1966, a second-innings double-century by Basil Butcher set up another West Indies win.

Test results

Since 1980

	P	W	L	D	T	% wins
West Indies	69	34	7	28	0	49.27
Pakistan	71	22	13	36	0	30.98
New Zealand	53	16	13	24	0	30.18
Australia	61	21	28	31	1	25.92
England	92	19	31	42	0	20.65
India	70	9	17	43	1	12.85
Sri Lanka	26	2	14	10	0	7.69

Since 1986

	P	W	L	D	T	% wins
West Indies	16	9	4	5	0	50.00
Pakistan	22	6	3	13	0	27.27
India	19	5	2	11	1	26.31
New Zealand	16	3	2	11	0	18.75
Australia	17	3	3	10	1	17.64
Sri Lanka	8	1	4	3	0	12.50
England	28	2	11	15	0	7.14

● West Indies have only been able to draw their last four series – against Pakistan, New Zealand and India away, and Pakistan at home.
● England have not won any of their last 13 Tests and have lost their last 10 against West Indies.

Compiled by Richard Lockwood

TEST CAREER RECORDS

England

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
B C Broad	21	36	2	1508	162	6	5	44.35	8
P A J DeFreitas	9	12	1	146	48	–	–	13.27	2
G R Dilley	35	48	17	421	56	–	2	13.58	9
P R Downton	27	43	7	701	74	–	4	19.47	61/5
J E Emburey	53	78	17	1363	75	–	7	22.34	30
M W Gatting	65	111	14	3810	207	9	18	39.27	50
G A Gooch	62	111	4	3971	196	7	23	37.11	60
D I Gower	96	164	12	6789	215	14	34	44.86	66
E E Hemmings	8	12	3	207	85	–	1	23.00	4
P W Jarvis	2	3	1	34	14	–	–	17.00	–
A J Lamb	51	88	7	2644	137*	7	10	32.64	52
D R Pringle	14	25	3	413	83	–	1	18.77	7
J G Thomas	5	10	4	83	31*	–	–	13.83	–

Bowling

	Balls	R	W	BB	5i	10m	Avge
B C Broad	6	4	0	–	–	–	–
P A J DeFreitas	1786	827	20	5-86	1	–	41.35
G R Dilley	6865	3386	118	6-38	5	–	28.69
J E Emburey	12723	4497	126	7-78	5	–	35.69
M W Gatting	732	317	4	1-14	–	–	79.25
G A Gooch	1431	550	13	2-12	–	–	42.30
D I Gower	36	20	1	1-1	–	–	20.00
E E Hemmings	2332	876	16	3-53	–	–	54.75
P W Jarvis	588	201	6	2-43	–	–	33.50
A J Lamb	30	23	1	1-6	–	–	23.00
D R Pringle	2411	1128	29	5-106	1	–	38.89
J G Thomas	774	504	10	4-70	–	–	50.40

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West Indies

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
C E L Ambrose	3	6	2	47	25*	–	–	11.75	–
W K M Benjamin	4	7	1	109	41*	–	–	18.16	2
P J L Dujon	50	69	8	2301	139	5	10	37.72	154/5
C G Greenidge	93	140	14	5904	223	14	30	46.85	73
R A Harper	20	26	3	356	60	–	1	15.47	29
D L Haynes	72	122	13	4288	184	9	25	39.33	44
C L Hooper	6	10	1	303	100*	1	1	33.66	2
A L Logie	23	34	2	931	130	2	5	29.09	22
M D Marshall	53	66	6	1143	92	–	7	19.05	23
B P Patterson	11	13	6	54	21*	–	–	10.80	2
I V A Richards	94	141	9	7045	291	22	31	53.37	96
R B Richardson	33	55	6	2102	185	6	8	42.89	45
P V Simmons	2	4	0	49	16	–	–	12.25	1
C A Walsh	20	25	8	163	18*	–	–	9.58	4

Bowling

	Balls	R	W	BB	5i	10m	Avge
C E L Ambrose	650	365	7	2-64	–	–	52.14
W K M Benjamin	780	386	14	3-32	–	–	27.57
C G Greenidge	26	4	0	–	–	–	–
R A Harper	3069	1103	40	6-57	1	–	27.57
D L Haynes	18	8	1	1-2	–	–	8.00
C L Hooper	511	266	5	2-42	–	–	53.20
A L Logie	7	4	0	–	–	–	–
M D Marshall	11828	5478	255	7-53	15	2	21.48
B P Patterson	1754	1084	43	5-24	2	–	25.20
I V A Richards	3766	1355	28	2-17	–	–	48.39
R B Richardson	42	9	0	–	–	–	–
C A Walsh	3572	1778	75	5-54	3	–	23.70

K L T Arthurton, I R Bishop and D Williams – no Test cricket.



Catching the mood: Gower warms up for the Test yesterday

Davis inspires Kent to have champions caught unawares

By Ivo Tennant

DARTFORD (Nottinghamshire won toss): Kent, with four first-innings wickets in hand, lead Nottinghamshire by 110 runs.

If anything is a certainty in cricket, it is that Nottinghamshire will not be champions again this year. Yesterday they were bowled out for 65, the lowest score of the season, by an attack of average county standard on a pitch no worse than many to be found at Trent Bridge.

They were, admittedly, without six regular players: Broad, Hemmings, French, Pick, Stephenson, and Newell who has been demoted to their second XI. Throw in Rice and Hadlee and you have almost a full team – which could not have performed as poorly as this one. Only Robinson made a score above seven.

The groundsman was astonished. "The umpires think it is a good pitch," he said without being asked. There was some slow turn for Davis and we were treated to the rare sight of two spinners bowling together on the first morning. Nottinghamshire, though, were not prepared to graft for their runs on a ground they had never played on before.

They chose to bat and there was no inkling of what was to come in the first six overs. Then Ellison moved one away sufficiently to catch the edge of Pollard's bat, Randall drove loosely at Penn, and was well held at third slip. Johnson was caught and bowled hitting across the line, and so it continued. When Davis came on, no one seemed to know how to play him.

In 14 overs he bowled eight maidens and took four for 12. No doubt Underwood taught him to be that miserly. He found his length straight away. Cowdrey took one catch off him as close to the bat as he could possibly be at silly point. Only Robinson batted with any degree of competence before he sent up a skier as he attempted to turn Cowdrey to leg. The tail put up no resistance.

Kent, too, began badly, losing Taylor to Cooper and Hinks to Cairns, who has a more classical action than his father and tries to bowl twice as fast. Eighteen this month, he is over from New Zealand on what is known as a cricket scholarship.

Benson was prepared to work for his runs and also to attempt to hit Afford off his length. He succeeded until, having reached a half-century off 72 balls, he drove him straight to mid-on. After that Tavare and Pienaar built up a healthy lead.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

†R T Robinson c Marsh b Cowdrey	31
P Pollard c Cowdrey b Ellison	2
D W Randall c Harman b Penn	7
P Johnson c and b Penn	0
D J R Martindale c Cowdrey b Davis	6
J D Birch lbw b Cowdrey	5
†C W Scott c Ellison b Davis	1
C L Cairns not out	7
K E Cooper c Hinks b Davis	3
K Saxelby b Davis	0
J A Afford lbw b Penn	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (45 overs)	65

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-24, 3-28, 4-40, 5-54, 6-55, 7-57, 8-60, 9-60.
BOWLING: Ellison 13-5-17-1; Penn 10-4-23-3; Davis 14-8-12-4; Cowdrey 7-3-9-2; Harman 1-0-1-0.

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson c Martindale b Afford	52
N R Taylor lbw b Cooper	2
S G Hinks c Pollard b Cairns	7
C J Tavaré b Birch	42
R F Pienaar not out	53
*C S Cowdrey c Robinson b Cairns	0
R P Davis lbw b Cairns	0
†S A Marsh not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 3)	14
Total (6 wkts, 67 overs)	175

R M Ellison, C Penn and M D Harman to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-31, 3-73, 4-152, 5-161, 6-161.
Bonus points: Kent 5, Nottinghamshire 2.
Umpires: R Julian and A G Whitehead.

Pitch switch assists bowlers

By John Woodcock

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won the toss): Worcestershire, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 120 runs behind Lancashire.

There was much talk about the pitch at Worcester again yesterday. The one being used is that on which the batsmen had such a struggle in last week's Benson and Hedges quarter-final, and now, as then, the bowlers were well on top. Having put Lancashire in, Worcestershire bowled them out for 189 and were 69 for three in reply when bad light stopped play soon after six p.m. All day, of course, there was no spin.

The pitch intended for the match was considered too wet. The switch meant that there was no predicting the bounce, although, because no-one was very fast, there was little that was dangerous either.

Of those who batted, only Wasim Akram and Jesty can really have enjoyed it. The others all looked for trouble and found it. Even Hick made nought, clipping a ball that behaved perfectly normally to short mid-wicket.

Lancashire were at their lowest ebb soon after lunch, one batsman after another having given the pitch an unmistakably dirty look upon getting out. Although Mendis had batted for 100 minutes, only Jesty, with that rare talent of his, had put bat to ball. In one over, Radford was hit for four fours by Jesty, and one knew for sure that no better strokes would be played all day, either at Worcester or anywhere else.

Fairbrother was bowled off the inside edge; Mendis, Hayhurst, Abrahams and Hughes were all caught at the wicket, some off good balls, others off nasty ones. Jesty was bowled hooking, the ball barely short enough for the stroke, though had it not kept low I daresay it would have gone for four. Watkinson also got a shooter. But then Wasim Akram began suddenly to dispatch McEwan and Newport for six, mostly to mid-wicket.

With Allott hanging on, 71 were added for the ninth wicket in 10 overs, Wasim hitting six fours and three sixes in his 56. Newport's six for 51 was a good piece of opportunism. There are a lot of bowlers who could take six for 51 at Worcester at the moment, but they would not all be such useful cricketers as Newport.

Lord, getting on to the front foot whenever he could, and Curtis, who played his game, skilfully and well, made 66 in 28 overs for Worcestershire's first wicket. In the end, though, they, too got grubbers, having deserved a better fate.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Rhodes b Radford	17
A N Hayhurst c Rhodes b Newport	8
T E Jesty b Newport	46
N H Fairbrother b Weston	2
J Abrahams c Rhodes b Newport	9
M Watkinson lbw b Newport	4
*P P Hughes c Rhodes b Newport	1
Wasim Akram c Radford b Newport	55
†W K Hegg c Weston b McEwan	5
P J W Allott lbw b Radford	14
J Simmons not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 4, nb 9)	25
Total (55 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-80, 3-85, 4-92, 5-97, 6-99, 7-102, 8-116, 9-187.
BOWLING: Radford 14-1-52-2; Newport 21-8-51-6; McEwan 14-2-61-1; Weston 6-2-13-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

T S Curtis b Hayhurst	43
G J Lord lbw b Watkinson	21
G A Hick c Abrahams b Hayhurst	0
P A Neale not out	2
D A Leatherdale not out	1
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (3 wkts, 32.3 overs)	69

M J Weston, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, N V Radford and S M McEwan to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-66, 3-66.
Umpires: D O Oslear and K E Palmer.

Waugh replies to an SOS

By Richard Streeton

SOUTHAMPTON: (Somerset won toss). Somerset have scored 262 for eight wickets against Hampshire

Steve Waugh, the Australian Test match all-rounder, scored a defiant 94 not out to complete a fine Somerset recovery yesterday after he was sent for from Taunton as an eleventh hour replacement. Martin Crowe, the New Zealand batsman, dropped out of the side through injury.

Crowe scored 136 not out and 80 in the previous match against Lancashire but suffered some reaction from his troublesome back after the long drive from Manchester on Tuesday evening. Following a fitness test after breakfast, he decided he could not play and Waugh was summoned by telephone.

Waugh, who is 23 today, did not arrive until shortly before lunch. He went in No 7 with Somerset in all sorts of trouble but soon imposed his authority although the light was poor and there was always help in the pitch for the seam bowlers.

Connor looked the best of the Hampshire attack and until Waugh settled in, the run rate was painfully slow. A superb diving slip catch by Terry to dismiss Hardy and a fine legside stumping by Parks to send back Bartlett left Somerset 64 for four before they were held up initially by Burns.

After pulling Jefferies, the South African fast bowler for an early six, Burns went on to stay two hours 40 minutes. He shared stands of 42 with Marks and 51 with Waugh before he mis-hooked and Parks held the skied catch in front of the stumps.

Waugh became increasingly assertive when joined by Cleal, who stayed 25 overs as a further 63 were added. Bad light brought one brief interruption but Waugh rejected later offers to go off. By the close he had batted three hours 23 minutes and hit a six and nine fours in a chanceless innings.

SOMERSET: First Innings

N A Felton c Ayling b Connor	18
J G Wyatt c and b Andrew	20
J J E Hardy c Terry b Connor	0
R J Bartlett st Parks b Ayling	19
†N D Burns c Parks b Connor	47
*V J Marks b Jefferies	20
S R Waugh not out	94
M W Cleal c sub b Ayling	13
G D Rose lbw b Jefferies	13
A N Jones not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 2, nb 5)	18
Total (8 wkts)	262

D J Foster to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-38, 3-60, 4-64, 5-108, 6-157, 7-220, 8-253.
Score after 100 overs: 248-7.
HAMPSHIRE: V P Terry, C L Smith, *M C J Nicholas, R A Smith, D R Turner, J Ayling, †R J Parks, S T Jefferies, R J Maru, C A Connor, S J W Andrew.
Bonus points: Hampshire 3, Somerset 2.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and R Palmer.
TOUR MATCH: Portsmouth: Hampshire Cricket Association XI 141 for 9; Aboriginals 142 for 5. Aboriginals won by 5 wickets.

Yorkshire tormented by Davis and Capel

By Tony Winlaw

NORTHAMPTON (Yorkshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 59 runs behind Yorkshire

Northamptonshire appeared well in command when they dismissed Yorkshire for 155 yesterday but this is an unpleasant pitch, with the odd ball shooting along the ground, and they themselves were 96 for five at the close. There was good bowling for Yorkshire by Sidebottom, Shaw and Fletcher – three wickets falling for two runs – but nothing surpassed the earlier deeds of Davis and Capel.

Davis provided further evidence of Northampton's fortune in possessing him as an alternative to the injured Lillee as he took five for 54, while Capel returned figures of 11-5-17-3.

Soon after Yorkshire won the toss, Capel yorked Moxon middle stump and Davis had Swallow spectacularly caught by the diving Ripley. Blakey, who has regained his place following the injury to Metcalfe, gave evidence of his ability with three perfect cover drives to the boundary in an innings of 24 out of 44 for three before he too departed to a diving catch by Ripley.

A muddle between Robinson and Bairstow, which left both batsmen at the same end, was a double loss, for Bairstow retired hurt with an injured thumb as he dived for the crease. Later Blakey deputized admirably behind the stumps. With Davis and Capel resting, Carrick and Sidebottom staged a recovery, enjoying a seventh-wicket partnership of 68 runs in 99 minutes.

On returning, Capel took two for six in three overs, Davis two for 13 in 4.4.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon b Capel	1
R J Blakey c Ripley b Wild	24
I G Swallow c Ripley b Davis	6
K Sharp b Davis	8
J D Love c Gouldstone b Davis	8
P Robinson run out	18
†D L Bairstow not out	15
*P Carrick b Capel	29
A Sidebottom b Davis	36
C Shaw b Capel	0
S D Fletcher lbw b Davis	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 4)	10
Total (80.4 overs)	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-20, 3-44, 4-46, 5-67, 6-82, 7-150, 8-150, 9-152.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Blakey b Fletcher	23
*W Larkins c Moxon b Shaw	14
R J Bailey c Sidebottom b Shaw	19
D J Capel lbw b Sidebottom	6
R G Williams b Sidebottom	1
D J Wild not out	21
M R Gouldstone not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 4)	8
Total (5 wkts, 46 overs)	96

†D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis and M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-63, 3-63, 4-65, 5-86.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4, Yorkshire 3.
Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER CRICKET DETAILS

Oxford U v Gloucs

THE PARKS (Oxford won toss): Oxford University, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 355 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P W Romaines lbw b Sygrove	1
I P Butcher c Jack b Nuttall	75
*P Bainbridge b Nuttall	119
J W Lloyds not out	102
M W Allayne b Sygrove	36
†R C Russell not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 4)	16
Total (4 wkts dec)	360

D J Thomas, *D A Graveney, M W Pooley, and K B S Jarvis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-190, 3-205, 4-328.
BOWLING: Sygrove 19-4-91-2; Nuttall 20-5-64-2; Heppel 14-0-74-0; Searle 17-2-76-0; Crawley 6-0-25-0; Kilborn 4.5-0-18-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

S A Almaer not out	0
T Jack not out	5
Total (no wkt)	5

D A Hagen, *M K Kilborn, M A Crawley, M E O Brown, †G D Reynolds, A M Searle, N Heppel, M R Sygrove and J D Nuttall to bat.
Umpires: P J Eele and D G J Evans.

Surrey v Sussex

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey, with five first-innings wickets in hand, have scored 467 runs against Sussex

SURREY: First Innings

G S Clinton c Pigott b Babington	10
D M Smith c Lenham b Heseltine	131
A J Stewart lbw b Babington	39
M A Lynch c Alikhan b Pringle	93
D M Ward c C M Wells b Pigott	66
†C J Richards not out	102
Extras (lb 15, nb 11)	26
Total (5 wkts)	467

*I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, S T Clarke and M Bicknell to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-133, 3-278, 4-405, 5-467.
Score after 100 overs: 387 for 3.
SUSSEX: A M Green, R Alikhan, P Moores, A P Wells, *C M Wells, N J Lenham, †I J Gould, A C S Pigott, M W Pringle, P A Heseltine, A M Babington.
Bonus points: Surrey 4, Sussex 1.
Umpires: J W Holder and N T Plews.

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FOOTBALL

Reid to declare his intentions before rejoining England

By Ian Ross

Peter Reid, the England midfield player, is expected to disclose this morning whether or not he will leave Everton this summer. Reid, aged 31, the player-coach at Goodison Park, is entitled to a free transfer under a clause in the contract he negotiated with Howard Kendall, the former Everton manager, two years ago.

Although he has been offered a new three-year deal by the present manager, Colin Harvey, he has also held talks with Newcastle United.

Reid will join the England squad for the European Championship tomorrow, and indicated yesterday that he would announce his decision before departing for West Germany. He said: "I think that to be fair I must talk to the clubs involved before announcing anything."

It seems probable that Reid will remain with Everton which would be welcome news to Harvey, who could lose a number of his players this summer.

Gary Stevens, the England full back, may join Rangers on his return from West Germany and Kevin Sheedy, the Republic of Ireland international, has announced that he has played his last game for Everton.

Harvey, meanwhile, is expected to buy Stuart McCall, from Bradford City, for a fee estimated at £850,000.

● Newcastle United have bid £500,000 for the Bradford City player, John Hendrie, whose contract has expired. The Newcastle manager, Willie McFaul, has spoken to Hendrie and expects an answer next week. Sheffield Wednesday, Leeds United, West Ham United and Nottingham Forest, are also said to be interested in signing Hendrie.

● Roy Wegerle, the forward who cost £75,000 from the Tampa Bay Rowdies two years ago, was one of five players placed on the transfer list by Chelsea yesterday. The others were Coady, Bodley, McAllister and Dodds. The manager of Chelsea, Bobby Campbell, indicated that fees would be expected for all five players.

● Mark Rees and Richard O'Kelly, who have played a combined total of 19 seasons for Walsall, have been given free transfers. Rees, a forward, joined in 1978 and O'Kelly, a midfield player, signed the following year. Both have played for Walsall throughout their professional careers and are still hoping to negotiate contracts for next season with the club. Four reserve players, Dolan, Millard, Carvell and Smith have all been released.

● Keith Bertschin, the former Ipswich Town and Stoke City forward, has turned down a new contract with Sunderland, the third division champions.

● Mark Wallington, the Derby County reserve goalkeeper, has told the club he wants to leave.



Going away news: Reid entitled to free transfer from Everton

Gregory's absence delays take-over

By Louise Taylor

The precise nature of Jim Gregory's relationship with Portsmouth Football Club remained unclear last night. The former Queen's Park Rangers chairman had been due to assume control of the club yesterday but he perplexed officials at Fratton Park by remaining on holiday in France.

Gregory had agreed to buy out the former Fratton Park chairman, John Deacon, in a £2 million take-over but last night the Portsmouth commercial manager, Les Allen, said: "I don't know anything; no one knows what is going on."

The manager, Alan Ball, admitted he did not know what was happening. "I don't mind admitting it's driving me mad. I'm here at my desk every day, itching to get cracking on rebuilding the squad but I can't do a thing," he said.

Meanwhile, a spokesman confirmed that the Football League had not been notified of any boardroom changes at the club: "Every club is autonomous and we do not vet boardroom changes unless the would-be chairman is involved with another club. So, while we are still awaiting news, we are not expecting to receive any information yet."

However, John Deacon's son, David, is confident that the Gregory take-over is progressing according to schedule. He said last night: "As far as I'm concerned, everything is going ahead as planned and Jim Gregory assumed control of the club yesterday. I believe he is still on holiday but the solicitors are dealing with the arrangements and I understand that my father was in London with them yesterday."

Jim Sloan, a co-director, would make no comment on the position last night.

FA School product for Under 21s

The Arsenal goalkeeper, Alan Miller, aged 18, is the first graduate of the Football Association's School of Excellence at Lilleshall to be called up for England Under-21 squad duty. He replaces Gary Walsh, of Manchester United, in Dave Sexton's squad to play in a tournament in Toulon on June 5-12.

The Stoke City defender, Carl Beeston, aged 20, crowns a remarkable recovery from injury, by joining the squad in replacing Martin Keown, of Aston Villa. The left back forced his way back into contention at Stoke last season after severe glandular fever and a string of injuries had sidelined him for more than a year.

● Ricardo Gabbiadini has followed his elder brother, Marco, from York to Sunderland. Richard, aged 18, who joined York two years ago under the youth training scheme, refused their offer of a one-year contract after being overlooked for the first team last season.

● Steve Hunt, the former Aston Villa and England midfield player, has signed a new 12-month contract as manager of the Beazer Homes League club, Willenhall.

● An entire new pitch will be transported 200 miles next week in a unique operation to replace the controversial artificial turf at Queen's Park Rangers ground. Around 9,000 square yards of the new turf, which has been grown in Yorkshire, will be transported on Monday by refrigerated container lorries as part of the £250,000 scheme at Loftus Road.

ATHLETICS

Million dollar race may still be on

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Seville

The Ben Johnson v Carl Lewis series of races may still be on, according to Larry Heiderbrecht, Johnson's manager, here with the other Canadian athletes last night. The lure of splitting a $1 million purse is evidently strong.

Johnson, who is training with the Canadian national team along the coast from here, near Malaga will test himself out in the Padua meeting, in Italy on June 13. If all goes well, he will race again in Formia on June 19, then decide on the first leg versus Lewis in the June 27 meeting. The location has been changed from Paris to Lille, because the Stade Jean Bouin, the regular venue for that meeting is in the lee of Parc des Princes, where Michael Jackson is appearing that same evening.

Even Lewis, who has his own show business pretentions has to bow to that sort of competition. There are similar uncomfortable truths here in Spain. Athletics may be increasing in popularity here, with top performers like Jose Luis Gonzalez and Jose Abascal, and the advent of the Olympic Games. But football still rules.

The city council and regional government poured over £250,000 into this meeting. But even with splendid weather, and the meeting ending just before the Spain v Sweden match came on television, barely more than 3,000 people came to the Chapina Stadium.

Joseph Cheshire, of Kenya, ran away with a world class 800 metres here last night, finishing well clear of the field, in 1min 44.39sec, the fastest in the world so far. It is also a personal best by over half a second.

Cheshire was the only one to follow the pacemaker, and he just kept going, completely fooling Rob Druppers, of The Netherlands, and Peter Elliott, who finished second and third. David Sharpe was fifth.

Colin Jackson got into a speed wobble in the one event where it is not recommended to do so, the 110 metres hurdles. And although he recorded his fastest time of the season, it was only by 0.02sec. And his poor hurdling form left him well behind Mark McKoy, of Canada, who won in 13.32sec, the fastest in the world so far.

CYCLING

Dartmoor escape to benefit of Downs

By Peter Bryan

The lottery into which road racing can develop was unfortunately demonstrated on yesterday's third stage of the Milk Race when, only six miles from the start at Exeter, 20 riders crashed on a short descent.

The accident put a Russian, Czechoslovak, Pole and Canadian in hospital, while three other riders, receiving medical attention at the roadside, remounted but almost immediately abandoned. Later, on the Plymouth finishing circuit, which was partly cobbled and made dangerous by rain, Ian Sanders, the British professional, fell and was taken to hospital, where he had 15 stitches put in a cut below the knee.

Ruslan Zotov, the Soviet rider who crashed, broke a collarbone and was kept overnight in hospital at Exeter. Poland's Slawomir Frejowski had head injuries and possibly a fractured skull, while Miroslaw Sykora, the Czechoslovak, suffered multiple abrasions.

One report suggested that Chris Koberstein, a Canadian involved in the crash, was catapulted from his machine into the lower branches of an overhanging tree and had to be helped to the ground.

The stage of 55 miles, taking in the misty solitude of Dartmoor, was the shortest place-to-place ride on the 1,150-mile route. There were few early attacks over the opening hills but Vladimir Berka finally broke clear after 15 miles and, initially unchallenged, quickly built a half-minute advantage.

Bob Downs, the veteran Milk Race rider, competing in his ninth event, decided that the Czech should not go it alone and started to chase with Tom Banford, of New Zealand. They pulled back Berka, but while Downs was strong enough to keep the speed high Banford tailed off, leaving the Anglo-Czech tandem on their own in front.

Their crossing of Dartmoor was in thick mist but crowds had gathered along the way to see their passage. The pair shared the pace and their lead rose to a maximum of 3½ minutes when, the climbing over, they started a 55 m.p.h. descent through Dousland on the way to Plymouth.

Downs looked certain to take the final sprint and prepared for it by ceasing to share the pace. Berka kept waving him to go through to the front but Downs knew that victory would give him the overall lead.

The Czechoslovak put in his sprint 150 yards from the line and although Downs was right on his wheel he was powerless to respond, leaving Berka the £1,000 stage winner and new wearer of the race leader's yellow jersey, acclaimed by the huge crowd around the circuit.

RESULTS: Third stage (Exeter to Plymouth, 55 miles): 1, V Berka (Cz), 2hr 27min 47sec; 2, R Downs (Percy Bilton), same time; 3, A Timmis (Z-Peugeot-Halfords), at 1min 3sec; 4, C Rajch (Pol), 2:28:56; 5, S Krawczyk (Pol), same time; 6, M Walsham (Percy Bilton), same time. Overall: 1, Berka, 12hr 48min 39sec; 2, Downs, 12:48:41; 3, V Zhdanov (USSR), 12:49:37; 4, M Kulas (Pol), 12:49:39; 5, A Timmis (Z-Peugeot-Halfords), 12:49:45; 6, P Casado (Z-Peugeot-Halfords), 12:49:47.

TODAY'S STAGE: Plymouth (9 a.m.) to Weston-super-Mare (5 p.m.); 117 miles.

GOLF

Knapp advances after claiming surprise victory

By John Hennessy

Tom Knapp, an American oil executive, emerged yesterday as a dark horse in the Amateur Golf Championship at Royal Porthcawl. Making his first visit to Britain, he beat Paul Broadhurst, a leading England international of the younger school, by one hole and now faces Kevin Weeks, the England champion.

Having played the two qualifying rounds together, Knapp and Weeks know each other's game well and have developed a healthy respect for each other. Weeks was one under par for the holes played yesterday in beating Peter Hedblom, one of the strong contingent of Swedes in the tournament.

For all his lack of experience in this country, Knapp has had plenty back home in Florida, particularly, he says, on links type courses swept by strong winds. Porthcawl, it seems, is almost home from home apart from the lack of degrees centigrade and the alligators.

Aged 41, and a good enough player once to have tried his hand, briefly, as a professional, he now concentrates on drilling oil wells, a business venture, he explains, with a rueful moue, that is not quite the licence to print money it once was.

Knapp started nervously against Broadhurst and was two down after five, caught napping you might say. He then won four holes in a row and never thereafter surrendered the lead.

Broadhurst got back to one down with a birdie at the 17th, but never looked like repeating the formula at the last. He holed from five feet for his four and then stood back to see Knapp roll the ball securely in from a little nearer.

Peter McEvoy, twice a former winner, was another distinguished casualty. He was beaten by an impressive Swedish player, Christian Hardin, a member of the team of four which holds the world championship. Hardin finished off the match with an imperious one-iron to set up a birdie at the 17th.

With the defeat of Gordon Clark, the winner in 1964, David Curry remained the only former amateur champion still in the field. He beat another American, Paul Svensk, by 3 and 2.

Curry comprehensively lost the 12th and 13th to go back to only one up, the American pitching in for an eagle at the 12th and Curry losing a ball off the next tee. The former champion, however, holed from 25 feet for a birdie at the 14th and two more halves in par were all he needed.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	326	4	10	337	4
2	447	4	11	157	3
3	420	4	12	475	5
4	197	3	13	443	4
5	485	5	14	152	3
6	394	4	15	447	4
7	116	3	16	434	4
8	480	5	17	508	5
9	371	4	18	413	4
Out	3,246	36	In	3,397	36

Total yardage: 6,643 Par: 72

RESULTS FROM PORTHCAWL

FIRST ROUND: C Hardin (Swe) bt P McEvoy (Copt Heath), 2 and 1; R N Roderick (Pontardawe) bt J Thomas (Aberdare), 3 and 2; G Walmsley (Farnham) bt G Harland (Sandmoor), 1 hole.

SECOND ROUND: S P Dodd (Brynhill) bt G R Krause (Wollaton Park), 4 and 2; L Peterson (Aus) bt G J Clark (Whalley Bay), 2 and 1; A Rogers (Ealing) bt G Hay (Hilton Park), 3 and 1; R B Howe (USA) bt B Jackson (Links Newmarket), 1 hole; D H Carry (Prudhoe) bt P Svensk (US), 3 and 2; A Robertson (Seaton Carew) bt A Mednick (Swe), 5 and 4; D Fouchee (SA) bt G Clough (Marlborough), 3 and 2; M P Wiggett (Boscombe) bt A Clark (Old Ford Manor), 5 and 4; E Giraud (Fr) bt D Silva (Por), 5 and 4; T Knapp (US) bt P Broadhurst (Atherstone), 1 hole; K J Weeks (Brocksenhurst Manor) bt P Hedblom (Swe), 3 and 2; S J Bannerman (Cruden Bay) bt J L Peters (Southerndown), 1 hole; G Lashford (Malden) bt P N Wharton (John o'Gaunt), 2 and 1; R N Graves (Brocksenhurst Manor) bt J Macleod (Alloa), 3 and 2; G Walmsley (Farnham) bt G Harland (Sandmoor), 1 hole.

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Thornhill lifts the salver with record

By Patricia Davies

In her words, Jill Thornhill "managed to put a round of golf together" at the Berkshire yesterday morning and it effectively won her the Astor Salver for the third time. Her 66 on the Red course, seven under par, has never been bettered by any woman and she added a 70, three under, on the Blue in the afternoon for a record total of 136.

Lora Fairclough, the England girl international from Chorley, was second on 140 after two 70s but, really, there was only one player in it.

Thornhill, who seemed to be peaking nicely for the defence of the Curtis Cup against the Americans next week, dropped only two shots all day – one at the second hole on the Red and the other, irritatingly, at the 18th on the Blue where three putts spoiled her chance of a 69.

She was particularly pleased with her iron play, which was accurate enough to leave her with numerous birdie chances and she even sank a full four-iron for an eagle two at the eighth on the Red, a hole that measures 379 yards. She went out in 33 and came back in the same score, with birdies at the three par five in a row from thirteenth and another at the 17th.

Thornhill continued to swing in a smooth, controlled manner in the afternoon and despite missing some holeable putts for birdies on greens that were not quite at their immaculate best, her only real blemish was the five at the last.

LEADING SCORES: 136: J Thornhill (Walton Heath) 66, 70. 140: L Fairclough (Chorley) 70, 70. 144: L Bayman (Berkshire) 73, 71; J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry) 72, 72. 145: S Bennett (Colchester) 74, 71; F MacDonald (Frinton-on-Sea) 76, 69. 147: J Collingham (Notts Ladies) 76, 71. 148:

HOCKEY

England in semi-final thanks to Pakistan

From Sydney Friskin, Ipoh, Malaysia

Any fears Great Britain might have had of missing a semi-final place were quickly dispelled here yesterday when Pakistan trounced Malaysia 7-0 in the Perak invitation tournament.

The result gave Britain second place in group B and earned them a meeting with the Soviet Union tomorrow, today being a rest day. In the other semi-final, Pakistan will play South Korea.

Pakistan survived a few anxious moments before they subdued Malaysia, who earned three short corners in the first four minutes. From the second of these awards a shot by Embaraj was saved on the line by Khalid Bashir and the other full back, Nasir Ali, hastily cleared off the line.

The brilliant stickwork and short passing by the Pakistanis soon overwhelmed the Malaysian defence and the floodgates were opened once Zahid Sharif shot Pakistan into the lead in the eighth minute.

Goals by Tariq Sheikh and Nasir Ali increased the lead to 3-0 within 17 minutes and further goals by Qasim Khan, Tariq Sheikh and Shahbaz Ahmed gave them a 6-0 lead by half time.

Later in the day, India gave an improved performance to hold South Korea to a 2-2 draw which was not enough as the Indians needed to win to qualify for the semi-finals.

The Koreans looked better as a team but the Indians, looking more stylish and penetrative, took the lead in the fourth minute through Balwinder Singh but tried unsuccessfully to contain rather than consolidate. India will need more much practice before they become truly assertive. This was their first trip abroad since they finished last in the 1986 World Cup in London.

FRIDAY'S SEMI-FINALS: Soviet Union v Great Britain; Pakistan v South Korea.

Podenzana in fall but still keeps the lead

Salsomaggiore – All the drama in yesterday's 118-mile tenth stage of the Tour of Italy came in the final minutes when Paolo Rosola, an Italian, aged 31, won a close sprint victory on the tree-shaded Via Matteotti of this pleasant spa town (John Wilcockson writes).

Of the several crashes on the final lap of the 12-mile finishing circuit, the worst was the one in which the race leader, Massimo Podenzana, ploughed into the two Scandinavians in the American 7-Eleven team, Jens Veggerby and Dag-Otto Lauritzen, on a straight, narrow lane three miles from the finish.

Podenzana soon remounted and with the help of his team regained the pack.

TENTH STAGE: Carrara to Salsomaggiore (118 miles): 1, P Rosola (It), 5hr 11min 04sec; 2, A Bali (It); 3, R Sorensen (Den), same times.

TENNIS

Financial backing necessary

By David Powell

While Cliff Richard was searching for a star at the Direct Line Insurance tournament in Beckenham yesterday, the British women's team manager, Sue Mappin, was searching for some money. The pop singer was promoting the Lawn Tennis Association's campaign to encourage the young to take up a racket while Mappin was talking about needing sponsorship to make her international squad competitive with the best.

Mappin believes that the lack of financial backing is hindering progress among her improving young players. "It's very restricting because of money. They are craving to go to more tournaments."

Mappin's best prospect, Sarah Loosemore, aged 16, underlined her potential when she gave Barbara Potter, the top seed and defending champion, a good match. Loosemore lost 6-4, 6-4, but was not in awe of the American. Potter is ranked 18th in the world, against Loosemore's 199th. The Briton showed determination enough to win a service game from 0-40 and to save three match points on her next game.

Loosemore, who will remain at school in Cardiff to complete her A levels, was encouraged to discover, in her first match against a top 20 player, that they are not as tough as she thought.

RESULTS (GB unless stated): Singles: Men: First round: A Castle bt G Roper (Can), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; D Tyson (Aus) bt L Jensen (US), 3-6, 6-3, 8-4; J Frana (Arg) bt D Masedorp (SA), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3. Second round: R Rasheed (Aus) bt P Aldrich (SA), 6-4, 7-5; J Berger (US) bt S Denton (US), 6-4, 7-5; R Acuna (Chile) bt H Moriang (WG), 7-5, 6-2; M Dickson (US) bt P Kuhnen (US), 7-5, 6-2; A Maurer (WG) bt A Castle, 7-5, 7-5; J Frana (Arg) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 1-6, 8-1; D Visser (SA) bt G Leyendecker (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt V Amritraj (India), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; E Jelen (WG) bt D Falgate, 6-4, 6-2; C Saceanu (Rom) bt P Hand, 6-4, 6-1. Women: Second round: A Henrickson (US) bt W White (US), 6-1, 6-3; E Inoue(Japan) bt B Herr (US), 6-1, 6-0; D Batestral (Aus) bt J Wood, 7-6, 5-2; S Collins (US) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 8-3, 6-1; B Potter (US) bt S Loosemore, 6-4, 6-4; M Yanagi (Japan) bt L Bartlett (US), 6-3, 6-3; R White (US) bt P Vasquez (Peru), 6-1, 5-2; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt K Hunter, 6-0, 6-0; S Gomer bt K Hand, 5-7, 7-6, 6-1; M Fernandez (US) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-3, 7-5; T Phelps (US) bt A Simpkin, 7-5, 6-2; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt J Louis, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; S Reha (US) bt M McGrath (US), 6-0, 6-1; J Salmon bt E Hakami (US), 7-5, 6-1; V Lake bt W Wood (US), 4-6, 6-0, 7-6.

Edberg is happier on grass

By Ian Ross

Having swiftly erased the memory of his weekend French Open defeat by the Argentinian, Guillermo Perez-Roldan, on the clay courts of Paris, Stefan Edberg, the world No.2, returned to his more favoured grass yesterday, to move effortlessly into the quarter-finals of the Holiday Inn Northern Tournament in Didsbury.

Edberg, defending the singles title he won last year, encountered few problems in overcoming Leslie Davies, of Shropshire, 6-2, 6-3 and will now meet Neil Broad, of South Africa, who beat Todd Nelson, of the United States 6-4, 6-4.

"It was good to get in a game on grass. I have not played on the surface at all since my defeat by Ivan Lendl in last year's Wimbledon semi-final. It was a good workout for me but although I felt Leslie did well I now expect far tougher opponents," the Swede said.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: K Evernden (NZ) bt G Hambleton (GB) 6-2, 6-4; J Krisk (US) bt C Pest (GS) 6-0, 6-0; N Broad (SA) bt T Nelson (US) 6-4, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt L Davies (GB) 6-2, 6-3; J Grabb (US) bt C Campbell (SA) 6-3, 6-2

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: Y Koizumi (Jap) bt M Mair (GB) 8-1, 8-0; H Witvoet (Neth) bt M Redfearn (SA) 6-1, 6-3

RUGBY LEAGUE

Ford test against divisional side

From a Correspondent, Sydney

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Great Britain's first match on their Whitbread Trophy tour against a Sydney competition side has confirmed a number of places in the side for the first international a week on Saturday and kept other aspirants still in contention.

Only a handful of potential first choices were missing. Schofield with a stomach virus was the most obvious absentee, but Stephenson, Phil Ford and Crooks were also rested.

Newcastle forced an unsteady start from the Lions but they led 12-4 at half time through tries by Ward and Offiah and two goals from Loughlin. Setbacks early in the second half, when Newcastle levelled the score, were overcome as the now customary gallop in the closing stages produced three more tries, Offiah's second and a pair for Hanley and two Loughlin goals.

With no serious injuries reported from the game, the coach, Malcolm Reilly, can now start piecing together his side for the international. One area of concern will be stand-off, where Hanley played in this game, and it is expected that Mike Ford will be tried out there on Sunday against Northern Division.

Another question mark hangs over Offiah, who is without doubt the charismatic figure of the tour as well as its top scorer. His positional play and defence are still not up to international standard, and a balance between his proven try-scoring talent and the defensive risk will have to be struck.

SCORERS: Newcastle: Tries: Shore, Kemp, Miller. Great Britain: Tries: Ward, Offiah (2), Hanley (2); Goals: Loughlin (4).

NEWCASTLE: Frendo; Clarke, Doyle, Kemp, Miller; McCormack, Fulmer, Thorne, Townsend, Shore, Stewart, McKiernan, Glanville, (sub: Walters, Carter).

GREAT BRITAIN: Loughlin (St Helens), Gill (Wigan), Gibson (Leeds), Wright (Widnes), Offiah (Widnes), Hanley (Wigan), A Gregory (Wigan), Waddell (Oldham), Beardmore (Castleford), Ward (Castleford), Dixon (Halifax), M Gregory (Warrington), Platt (St Helens). (sub: Ford, Powell).

Referee: G McCallum (Sydney).

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(Tries: League, FA Cup, Littlewoods Cup, others)

FIRST DIVISION: 31: McClair (Manchester United), 24, 2, 5, 0. 28: Aldridge (Liverpool), 26, 2, 1, 0. 26: Rimmer (Watford – 27 for Chester City), 25, 0, 1, 2. 27: Rosenior (West Ham United – 22 for Fulham), 25, 1, 1, 0. 22: Chapman (Sheffield Wednesday), 19, 2, 1, 0; Clough (Nottingham Forest), 19, 1, 2, 0. 21: Dorie (Chelsea), 15, 0, 4, 1; Fashanu (Wimbledon), 14, 4, 3, 0; Harford (Luton Town), 9, 3, 6, 3; Saunders (Oxford United), 12, 2, 0, 1. 20: Sharp (Everton), 13, 6, 1, 0.

SECOND DIVISION: 31: Quinn (Swindon Town), 21, 0, 6, 2. 30: Currie (Barnsley – 23 for Darlington), 26, 0, 0, 2. 28: Stewart (Manchester City), 24, 1, 2, 1. 26: Bright (Crystal Palace), 25, 0, 1, 0; Platt (Aston Villa – 21 for Crewe Alexandra), 24, 0, 2, 0. 24: Sheringham (Millwall), 22, 0, 0, 2; Slaven (Middlesbrough), 23, 0, 1, 0. 23: Cascarino (Millwall), 20, 0, 0, 3; Wright (Crystal Palace), 20, 0, 3, 0.

THIRD DIVISION: 32: Kelly (Walsall), 29, 1, 0, 2; Nelson (Brighton and Hove Albion), 22, 5, 5, 2; Crown (Southend United – 12 for Cambridge United), 26, 0, 3, 0. 27: Lovell (Gillingham), 25, 0, 1, 1. 25: McParland (Notts County), 21, 1, 0, 4. 24: Gabbiadini (Sunderland – 2 for York City), 22, 1, 0, 1; Waller (Chesterfield), 21, 1, 1, 1. 23: Penrice (Bristol Rovers), 16, 5, 1, 0; Taylor (Blackpool), 21, 2, 0, 0. 22: Adcock (Northampton Town – 9 for Manchester City), 18, 0, 1, 3. 21: Gates (Sunderland), 19, 1, 1, 0; Lund (Notts County), 20, 0, 0, 1; Robinson (Bury), 19, 0, 2, 0.

FOURTH DIVISION: 52: Bull (Wolverhampton Wanderers), 34, 3, 3, 12. 29: Flounders (Scunthorpe United), 26, 0, 1, 1; Muir (Tranmere Rovers), 25, 2, 0, 0; Thomas (Colchester United), 22, 3, 1, 2. 25: Dobson (Torquay United), 24, 1, 1, 0. 23: Baker (Hartlepool United), 20, 3, 1, 1. 24: Gooding (Peterborough United), 17, 3, 2, 2. 22: Musch (Wolverhampton Wanderers), 19, 0, 2, 2. 22: Gilligan (Cardiff City), 19, 0, 1, 2; Russell (Wrexham), 21, 0, 1, 0. 19: Stonehouse (Cardiff City), 15, 0, 1, 3; Tomlin (Hartlepool United), 16, 3, 0, 0.

*Others: Sherpa Van Trophy and Simod Cup.

Council to adopt drugs plan

From Mario Modiano, Vouliagmeni, Greece

The Council of Europe yesterday accepted a British proposal here yesterday to draw up a European convention on drug abuse in sport.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said that the idea was to go further than the existing texts adopted by the council. "We will prepare a draft which, after discussions, will be brought to the next formal meeting of sports ministers in Reykjavik in the spring," the Minister said.

He saw the adoption of the British proposal as a "major step forward". He said: "There is clearly a willingness to find a united approach given that the problem of drug abuse is not national but international."

The British Government will propose that the other countries will set up independent drug-testing programmes, both in and out of season, as has been done in Britain since April 1.

Reservations were voiced at the meeting by the Dutch who seemed to object to the testing procedures as well as to undue government interference with independent sports bodies. Moynihan said: "It is essential that there should be internationally approved and recognized testers."

POLO

Maple Leafs seen to be in fine fettle

By John Watson

In the three concluding quarter-finals for the high-goal Queen's Cup at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park yesterday, the Maple Leafs beat Cowdray Park, 10-5; Black Bears (received one) beat Windsor Park 9-6; and, in the most fiercely fought match, Broncos beat Hildon House, 11-9.

The Maple Leafs, superbly mounted by Galen Weston, are now regarded as favourites. With their long passing, powerful and accurate striking and intuitive tactics, Walton, Seavill and Julian Hipwood have all been looking better than their HPA ratings, and Weston himself has never appeared better in his No. 1 position.

In the Black Bears line-up, Jonathan Wade worked hand-in-glove with Mike Azzaro and Dale Smicklas, while Martin Brown defended admirably.

MAPLE LEAFS: 1, A Seavill (4); 2, J Hipwood (8); 3, R Watton (8); Back: G Weston (2).

COWDRAY PARK: 1, The Hon C Pearson (2); 2, S Moreno (7); 3, J Campbell (6); Back: P Withers (7).

BLACK BEARS: 1, J Wade (2); 2, M Azzaro (7); 3, D Smicklas (7); Back: M Brown (5).

WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent (4); 2, B Barry (6); 3, S Mackenzie (8); Back: HRH Prince of Wales (4).

HILDON HOUSE: 1, N Lobel (1); 2, W Bland (7); 3, H Hipwood (8); Back: Lord C Beresford (6).

BRONCOS: 1, Lord Milford Haven (2); 2, G [illegible]; 3, C Forsyth (7); Back: M Glue

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RUGBY LEAGUE

NEWCASTLE, Australia: Tour match: Newcastle 12 Great Britain 28.

ATHLETICS

BATTERSEA PARK: Veterans 5 miles road race: 1, M Hartley (Cambridge Harriers) 27min 38sec; 2, B O'Gorman (Blackheath) 27.40; 3, C Woodcock (Blackheath) 27.46. Veterans 5 miles road walk: 1, A James (Enfield) 37.21; 2, C Lawton (Belgrave) 38.04; 3, P Hannell (Surrey WC) 39.27.

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GOLF

HINDHEAD: Hennessy Cognac National Pro-Am Regional Finals: 1, Portsmouth GC 54 (R Brown and R Wiggins); 2, Dunwood Manor 54 (G Stubbington and P Thompson (12)); 3, Littlehampton GC (C Burgess and A Rashwin (17)); 4, Effingham 55; 5, Badgemore Park 56; 6, Goodwood 65.

BARNHAM BROOM: Bolsteff Young Masters' Tournament: First round leaders: 69: J Robinson (Woodhall Spa), P Mayo 71; D Wood (Rochford Hundred), 72: D James (Southerndown), 73 C Gidons (Harham Park), J Bennett, I Turner (Lutterworth), G Bothwell, T Stevens (Alton).

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 1503 pts; 2, S Lyle (GB) 1233; 3, B Langer (WG) 1049; 4, S Ballesteros (Sp) 1027; 5, C Strange (US) 982; 6, I Woosnam (GB) 893; 7, B Crenshaw (US) 868; 8, L Wadkins (US) 822; 9, D Frost (SA) 737; 10, P Azinger (US) 725. Other GB placings: 13, N Faldo 658.

PGA TOUR MONEY-WINNERS (US unless stated): 1, S Lyle (GB) $608,479; 2, C Beck $524,435; 3, L Wadkins $474,846; 4, B Crenshaw $471,769; 5, M McCumber $409,745; 6, J Sindelar $388,788; 7, D Frost (SA) $368,883; 8, G Norman (Aus) $367,257; 9, C Strange $362,985; 10, J Haas $340,829. Other GB: 93, K Brown $53,397; 107, N Faldo $41,731.

RUGBY UNION

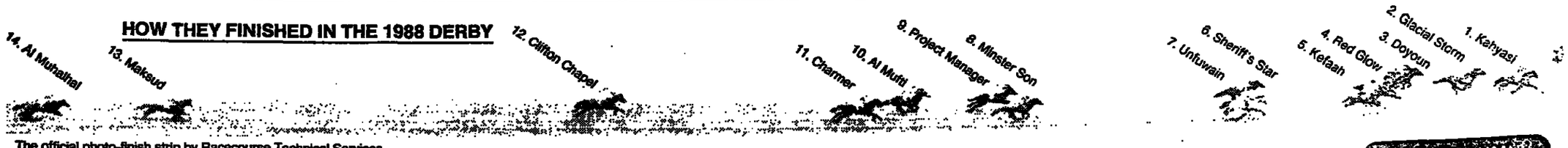
WELLINGTON: Tour match: Hawke's Bay 18, Wales 45.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Ninth stage (239 km): (Italy unless stated): 1, A di Basco, 6 hr 9min 28sec 38.827 kmph; 2, G Bontempi; 3, U Frauler (Swe); 4, R Sorensen (Den); 5, P Gambirasio; 6, S Marinello; 7, G Strazzer; 8, F Chesini; 9, J van der Vel

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HOW THEY FINISHED IN THE 1988 DERBY



The official photo-finish strip by Racecourse Technical Services

Piggott's Derby-winning advice

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

The remarkable dominance of the Aga Khan dynasty in the Derby continued yesterday when Ray Cochrane rode Kahyasi to victory in Britain's richest horse race. It was the Aga Khan family's eighth win in the Epsom classic – and it was Cochrane's first with the help of advice from Lester Piggott in prison.

Cochrane, aged 30, said he had received his last-minute riding instructions from Piggott via Mrs Susan Piggott. Piggott, the master of the Derby one and a half miles, with a record nine victories to his credit, is serving a three-year jail sentence for tax evasion.

"I'm quite a friend of Susan's," said Cochrane, "and I was a bit worried about being drawn 13. So I asked her to ask Lester at lunch-time yesterday what I should do. She came back with a message last night. 'Let him flow along up with the leaders to the first turn and take it from there.'" Cochrane carried out Piggott's instructions to perfection.

The story of Cochrane's rise to fame is astonishing. He served a five-year apprenticeship with Barry Hills and rode Nagwa to 11 of her 13 victories in 1976. He then broke a leg and became too heavy for the Flat, so he joined Fred Winter as a stable lad and rode five winners over jumps.

Cochrane moved to Ron Sheather's stable and suffered a kick on the head from a horse. During his recovery, the "weight just fell away from me" and he returned to the Flat when winning the Lincoln Handicap on Saher on 1981.

After winning the St James's Palace Stakes and Sussex Stakes on Chief Singer in 1984, Cochrane finally hit the big time. He is in his second season as Cumani's retained jockey; last year, he rode 111 winners.

Kahyasi, trained by Luca Cumani, won by one and a half lengths from Robert Sangster's Glacial Storm, with Doyoun, also owned by the Aga Khan and trained by Michael Stoute, third.

Kahyasi, unbeaten in his three previous races, sported the green and chocolate hoops which were last carried to victory in the Derby by the 1952 winner, Tulyar, for the grandfather of the present Aga Khan, whose previous winners, Shergar (in 1981) and Shahrastani (1986) wore his green and red colours.

The winning time of 2min 33.80sec was a record since electrical timing was introduced, and it was only 0.04sec slower than the hand-timed record of the Aga Khan's grey, Mahmoud, in 1936.

The present head of the Ismaili sect of the Shia Muslims was a proud and happy man in the winner's enclosure. "I wanted them to carry both sets of colours for the sake of continuity," he said. "I certainly didn't know which one of them had the best chance of winning."

The final pattern of the race took shape when Steve Cauthen sent Unfuwain into the lead approaching Tattenham Corner. At this juncture, Al Mufti, Glacial Storm, Kefaah and Maksud were lying close to the leaders. Charmer had lost his position, but Minster Son and Doyoun were racing in midfield. Kahyasi and Red Glow, the favourite, were towards the rear.

Over two furlongs from home, Michael Hills set sail for home on Glacial Storm, only to be challenged by Kefaah (John Reid), with Walter Swinburn launching an attack on the inside on Doyoun. By now Kahyasi had found his stride with a vengeance and he hit the front inside the final furlong and went on to win decisively. Red Glow came late to take fourth place followed by Kefaah and Unfuwain. Minster Son and Charmer, Dick Hern's other two runners, finished eighth and eleventh, respectively.

This was an above-average vintage Derby. Both the winner and runner-up came from established Classic trials. Kahyasi won the Lingfield Derby Trial, and Doyoun, the 2,000 Guineas winner, upheld Classic form with his gallant third.

No plans were announced for Kahyasi but he now looks all set to go for the Irish Derby at the Curragh and then attack his elders in the first great all-age test, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in July.

What of Red Glow, the 5-2 favourite? Pat Eddery had the favourite last out of the stalls and was still in the last three at Tattenham Corner. The automatic reaction was that the jockey had ridden an ill-judged race, but a study of the videotape did not support this theory. Over two furlongs from home, both the winner and the favourite were racing close together. The difference was that Kayhasi had started to run while Eddery was already niggling at Red Glow. "I had a brilliant ride, but he didn't seem to stay," was Eddery's only comment.

Willie Carson, jockey-breeder of Minster Son, was dejected as he said: "Surprisingly, he seemed to find the ground too firm."

What a blazing talent has this man Cumani. The 39-year-old Italian-born trainer has had his horses running as if the hounds of hell were at their heels all season. After his win, William Hills and Ladbrokes face a liability of £400,000 if Sudden Love lands a stable Classic double in the Oaks on Saturday.

Big race details

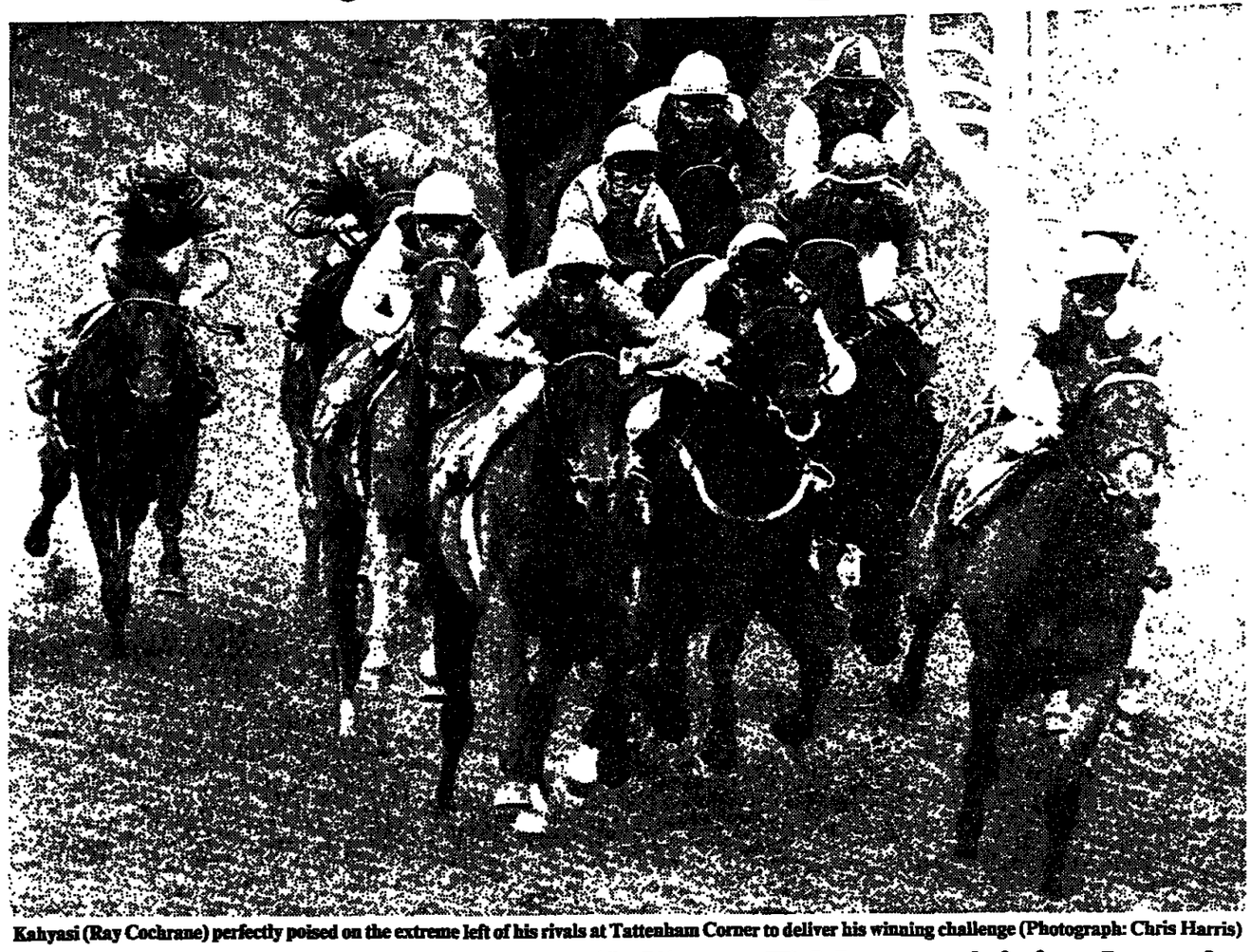
3.45 EVER READY DERBY (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £296,500: 1m 4f)

KAHYASI b c Ile De Bourbon – Kadissya (Aga Khan) 9-0 R Cochrane (11-1) 1.

Glacial Storm b c Arctic Tern – Hortensia (R Sangster) 9-0 M Hills (14-1) 2.

Doyoun b c Mill Reef – Dumka (Aga Khan) 9-0 W R Swinburn (9-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Red Glow (4th), 9-2 *Unfuwain* (7th), 6 *Minster Son* (8th), 11 Charmer (11th), 14 Al Mufti (10th), 16 Sheriff's Star (6th), 25 Kefaah (5th), 66 Project Manager (9th), 100 Clifton Chapel (12th), 200 Maksud (13th), 500 Al Muhalhal (14th & last). 14 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ½l, nk, 3l, hd, 6l, ½l, 2½l, 1l, 8l, 10l, 4l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £11.60: £2.80, £3.00, £3.00. DF: £53.00. CSF: £130.19. Tricast: £1,293.95. 2min 33.84sec.



Kahyasi (Ray Cochrane) perfectly poised on the extreme left of his rivals at Tattenham Corner to deliver his winning challenge (Photograph: Chris Harris)

END COLUMN

Eternal joys of Derby day

By Simon Barnes

There are times when you feel you are not so much cheering a sporting event as taking part in a kind of ancient ritual. But mostly this is an illusion. Sport is, in truth, a pretty recent invention.

Sport, in the organized sense we think of it, is a Victorian notion. It was Rugby School that created team sport as a new religion in the 19th century: as religions go, team sport is something of a Johnny-come-lately in the grand scheme of things.

I know that county cricket generally feels like one of the more obscure and ancient rituals of the Russian orthodox church – *rites carried out* in secret by men wearing unusual hats – but county cricket is a child of the railway age. Modern stuff, not part of the deep past at all.

Croquet, football, the modern kind of organized athletics – *these are all part of the* modern age. But Derby Day is different. Yesterday the race was run for the 209th time and horse racing is much older than that.

Millionaires in the saddle now

Plenty has changed in horse racing since the first Derby. The modern Derby is named after a kind of battery. The jockeys are no longer servants, but *often millionaires*. Millions of people watch the race thanks to the all-seeing eye. And I am sure the dreaded gatherings of the Shirtless Lager Drinker were not there to see Diomed win Derby No 1.

But practically all the changes in racing are superficial. True, on Derby Day the sky is alive with helicopters – but then the rich have, throughout all eternity, flaunted their wealth with grand exits and entrances. *Especially at the races.*

One might quibble, and talk about women's clothes, which have certainly changed since the 18th century – but flashy women have, throughout history, marked grand outdoor occasions by exposing the goose-fleshed bosom to the biting winds of England's summer. Especially at the races.

Every year there are new records of betting turnover, more stories of gravity-defying punts whose figures get more *outrageous with each passing* Derby. But this year's hundred grand is the thousand sovereigns of the previous century: at the races wild gambling is always with us.

Racing changes all the time, but remains the same. The aloof aristocrats who owned the fastest and most beautiful racehorses are still with us: the only difference is that these days they tend to come from the Middle East – and are a damned sight more generous than their English *counterparts, you ask any* stable lad.

The oldest ritual in the calendar

Red Glow has the speed but does he have the temperament? Was Carson blinded by faith when he chose to ride Minster Son? Should he not have gone for Unfuwain? And was there a dark horse among the rest? For example, the unbeaten Kahyasi?

Only the names have been changed – the arguments have been with us as long as people have raced horses, and bet on the result – and that must be ever since man and horse first formed their alliance. The first Queen involved in the horse business around Newmarket was Boadicea.

And of course the great joys of racing have not changed a jot: that glorious, pellmell charge for the line, the cracking whips, the desperate, fading challengers of many, and finally the mastery of one: a gutsy, all-out, stirring performance by Kahyasi. The ritual cheers greeted him: so did the ritual groans, and the air was, as ever, filled with the sound of breaking hearts.

And that is another of racing's eternals. Racing's only certainty is heartbreak. The only reliable thing in the game is its uncertainty. To have a bet on the Derby and to lose – this is to participate in one of the oldest rituals in the sporting calendar. It is never much of a compensation.

Eddery criticized again

Pat Eddery, rider of the disappointing beaten favourite, Red Glow, who finished fourth, was widely criticized for his tactics.

Geoff Wragg, Red Glow's disconsolate trainer, said: "I can only tell you what the jockey said, and that was that my horse didn't act on the track and didn't get the trip. It's as simple as that.

"But I thought he didn't break very well and I also feel he was a bit far back."

Eddery, successful on Grundy (1975) and Golden Fleece (1982), also came under attack for his riding of El Gran Señor, second to Secreto in 1984, and Bellotto, third to Reference Point 12 months ago.

In contrast to Wragg, Michael Stoute was pleased with third-placed Doyoun. He said: "He ran a very good race and it fully justified running him. You can't say that a horse that finishes third in the Derby didn't get the trip. But whether he would be better at a mile and quarter is another matter."

West Indies are in no mood to surrender their Test supremacy

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

The task confronting England's cricketers at Trent Bridge today could easily be indicated by statistics but nothing brings it home more powerfully than the words and mood of Viv Richards.

Relaxed and approachable on the eve of the first Cornhill Test, the West Indies captain could hardly have sounded more ominously assured. "I don't need to tell you about our record in Test cricket," he said. "We are very proud of it and we intend to maintain it."

No flanel. No flimsy message of hope. A simple statement of intent. If this was not enough, Richards then set about deflating the optimism on which England have thrived since winning the Texaco Trophy series 3-0.

"It is nice to win one-day games for the sake of confidence but they can often be a lottery. Over five days, the best team should win."

If Richards has a problem it is in convincing his young players that they are indeed still the best and that they are fit to defend a remarkable record. England have not won in 24 attempts against West Indies, dating back to Trinidad in the spring of 1974. They have not won a home Test against them since 1969 at Headingley. Still more intimidating is the fact that West Indies are unbeaten in their last 16 series.

As England are understandably keen to stress, this is a less settled West Indies than the team responsible for much of that sequence. The constant clarion call of Mike Gatting, the captain, is that all reference to the gory statistics of two consecutive 5-0 defeats, in 1984 and 1986, are irrelevant. "We have never played this West Indies team before," he insists.

On the evidence available, England may suffer familiar heartache at the hands of the West Indian pace attack. The personnel has changed but the potential remains formidable and on the assumption that they only select four fast bowlers, not six, Ambrose and Bishop could be omitted. England would dearly like to have either one available.

The batting, however, is flawed. Richardson and Logie struggle in English conditions but both will play. Greenidge is out of form, though in his case England will simply not dare assume this will last. Much will rest on Haynes, Richards and the gifted young Hooper.

The lingering fitness worries of both teams were lifted yesterday, Dilley and Benjamin both proving their health in the net. Dilley's recovery means that Thomas and Hemmings will almost certainly be left out of England's 13, the amount of grass remaining on the pitch being an effective antedote to the theory of two spinners.

Micky Stewart, the team manager, explained: "It is still a bit green but it looks an even pitch."

Stewart also laid great emphasis on the spirit of his players in adversity. "They went into the one-day series under a fair bit of pressure. They came through that, even enjoyed it. They will go in with the same attitude here."

Gatting will take the crucial No 3 position today, followed by Gower, in his 97th Test, and Lamb. It is ostensibly the strongest batting line-up England can muster but the presence at practice yesterday of the cavalier young pretender, Matthew Maynard, will be enough to keep them all up to their work.

Maynard has been invited here to drink in the flavour of Test cricket.

Trent Bridge teams

ENGLAND (from): M W Gatting (captain), G A Gooch, B C Broad, D I Gower, A J Lamb, P R Downton, D R Pringle, J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, P W Jarvis, G R Dilley, E E Hemmings, J G Thomas.

WEST INDIES (from): I V A Richards (captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, A L Logie, C L Hooper, P J L Dujon, M D Marshall, W K M Benjamin, C A Walsh, B P Patterson, R A Harper, C E L Ambrose, I R Bishop.

Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.

McEnroe has still to decide

Paris – John McEnroe flew home to Los Angeles last night to rejoin his family, build up his strength and make a final decision as to where he will begin his grass court practice (Richard Evans writes).

It is unlikely to be at the Queen's Club because, not having entered by the stipulated deadline, he needs a wild card from the tournament director, Clive Bernstein, and that will only be forthcoming if McEnroe apologizes for a well-publicized incident with a female member over the rights to a practice court.

"But all that was three years ago," McEnroe said. "They want a written apology and I really don't feel like giving one. I may go to Dublin to join Mats Wilander or I may just practice somewhere before going up to the Wirral tournament."

McEnroe's family will not be with him when he returns to England for the first time since losing to Kevin Curren in the 1985 Wimbledon quarter-final.

● Stephen Shaw will miss Britain's Davis Cup tie with Finland next week to play in the Stella Artois tournament hoping to gain valuable experience.

Past champions pound along familiar paths

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander, who have dominated the French men's singles *championship for six years*, are pounding their way towards another final. Lendl beat John McEnroe, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4, in a match that was scheduled for Monday, began on Tuesday, and ended yesterday. Wilander then beat Emilio Sanchez by the same score.

Anyone unfamiliar with the tennis played on slow clay may wonder what goes wrong with Wimbledon champions when they play at the Roland Garros Stadium. The last man to win both titles was Bjorn Borg, in 1980. Since then, four men have won Wimbledon but none of them has won here.

Jimmy Connors, an absentee this year, failed to reach the French final in 10 attempts. McEnroe, beaten by Lendl in the 1984 final, has played here eight times. Boris Becker and Pat Cash have each competed four times. Becker advanced to the 1987 semi-finals but Cash could not win a match until this year, when he won three.

The Wimbledon championship is more coveted, because of the prestige sired by tradition, but winning the French title tends to demand more *tactical maturity and* mental and physical stamina. It can take fast-court specialists about five years to learn their trade on clay.

Fast grass favours strong men with quick reactions, but on slow clay these players *often* look like shorn Samsons. The gritty surface takes pace off the ball. Players need more discipline or more finesse: preferably both.

McEnroe is no paragon of discipline but his fast hands, sure touch, and ability to take the ball early, make him enviably gifted for clay. Feeding on his opponent's pace, he coaxes the ball with a nudge here, a slice there. That was how it was against Lendl, especially in the first two sets.

"I don't think John can play much better than he did then," Lendl said. McEnroe might have won both those sets but at the end of the second, two close calls went against him. That was on Tuesday, when the centre court was damp and gloomy.

When they resumed yesterday, with Lendl 4-2 up in the third set, the sun was shining, the birds were singing, and the court was dry. That suited Lendl: an orderly *man who thrives on* consistent patterns. But for a few games the tension was almost tangible, the clash of wills almost audible.

There was much superb tennis. But once the third set had been tucked away, more *confidence flowed into* Lendl's powerful game. The confidence was particularly evident in his serving, his dipping cross-court shots through the short angles, and his knack of hitting lines.

McEnroe played the game he wanted to play and, for most of the match, played it well.

In the next match the contrast between the players was less striking. Wilander and Sanchez are nimble clay-court specialists who carefully probe for weaknesses, investing in a variety of small variations rather than taking bold initiatives.

Wilander almost went two sets down. In an earlier match he had been within two points of losing to Slobodan Zivojinovic. Sometimes *uncertain whether to stay* back or go to the net, Wilander has been playing like an engineer checking the machinery and hoping that, eventually, all the working parts will function smoothly at the same time. It has yet to happen – except in the most critical rallies.

His next opponent will be a happy, busy little chap with a big punch, Andre Agassi. Guillermo Perez-Roldan, beaten 6-2, 6-2, 6-4, turned up too late, too often, for his appointments with Agassi's forehands.

RESULTS: Singles: Men: Fourth round: J Lendl (Cz) bt J McEnroe (US), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. Quarter-finals: M Wilander (Swe) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4. A Agassi (US) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. Women: Quarter-finals: S Graf (WG) and G Sabatini (Arg) bt C Suire (Fr) and C Tanvier (Fr), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; M Navratilova (US) and P Shriver (US) bt K Adams (US) and Z Garrison (US), 6-3, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) and H Sukova (Cz) bt J Byrne (Aus) and J Thompson (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; N Provis (Aus) and E Reinach (SA) bt N Herreman (Fr) and P Paradis (Fr), 6-1, 6-4.

Mixed doubles: Second round: C Jolissaint (Switz) and J Pugh (US) bt A Sanchez and J Sanchez (Sp), 6-7, 6-3, 6-1. Third round: Jolissaint and Pugh bt C Tanvier (Fr) and A Tous (Sp), 7-5, 6-2; M Bollegraf and T Nijssen (Neth) bt E Burgin and A Kohlberg (US), 7-5, 6-1.

Floyd is looking for revenge

Raymond Floyd has been entrusted with the responsibility of resuscitating American golf in the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup which will return to The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, in September, 1989 (Mitchell Platts writes).

Two successive victories by Europe – at the Belfry in 1985 and then for the first time on American soil at Muirfield Village, Ohio, last September – have proved that the Americans are no longer the dominant force in world golf. It is not a reputation they are keen to keep and Floyd has no intention of following in the footsteps of Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus, the last two captains.

Floyd said: "My prime aim is to bring the cup back where it belongs, and if that means making two friends and a lot of enemies when I select the final team then it will not bother me. I'm pleased that I have the option this time of picking at least one and probably two players."

Floyd, the son of an army man, turned professional in 1961. He has had 21 US Tour victories, including the US PGA Championship (1969 and 1982), US Masters (1976) and US Open (1986), and appeared in six Ryder Cup matches from 1969 to 1985.

"I am flattered and honoured to be returning to The Belfry as the captain," Floyd said. "My philosophy, is to ensure that every player who travels to Britain knows that we will be living, eating and breathing golf throughout that week and working out our problems together."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Day ahead by Kouros

New York (AP) – Yiannis Kouros, of Greece, set a world record of 10days 10hr 30min 35sec – over a day and ten hours inside the old mark – when winning the 1,000-mile Sri Chinmoy race at Flushing *Meadow*.

Kouros, aged 32, and winner of the Sydney-Melbourne race when he set off a day behind the rest of the field, erased the record set by Stu Mittleman, of the United States, in 1986. Mittleman's 11day 20hr 36min run had been the first under 12 days for the distance.

Andes races

Argentina will stage the opening races of the 1988-89 World Cup men's skiing season.



Madec: six hours off mark

Quick crossing

Serge Madec, skipper of the 85ft *French catamaran Jet* Services, set a transatlantic sailing record of 7days 6hr 30min for the 3,000-mile voyage from New York to the Lizard. It clipped six hours off the mark by Philippe Poupon, of France, set last year.

Biasion clear

Athens (AFP) – Massimo Biasion of Italy, driving a works Lancia, won the Acropolis motor rally yesterday to move 18 points clear at the top of the drivers' championship from Alessandro Fiorio, his team colleague (third).

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, M Biasion and T Siviero (It, Lancia Martini Integrale), 7hr 03min 08sec; 2, M Ericsson and C Billstam (Swe, Lancia Martini Integrale), 1:53 behind; 3, A Fiorio and L Pirollo (It, Lancia Martini Integrale), 7:40.

Oiled wheels

Kuwait Petroleum have announced a *major sponsorship* of the Eddie Jordan Formula 3000 team, led by Johnny Herbert Tommy Danielsson, of Sweden. Kuwait Petroleum and Jordan hinted strongly that sights are set on Formula One, probably in 1989.